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MY TIMES ARE IN THY HAND

PSALM 31 : 15

My times are in Thy hand—
That hand pierced through for me.
My future, be it dark or bright,
Is known, O God, to Thee.
And I can trust that hand
Disfigured for my sin,
To guide me in the darkest night,
Or through war's frightful din.
My times are in Thy hand,
How safe their keeping place;
Nor would I for a moment short
Remove them. O disgrace
That I should ever be
Reluctant or afraid, my God
To trust my times with Thee!

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A CALL TO DISCERN THE DIVINE PLAN IN INDIA'S FEEDOM MOVEMENT

(By C. P. Michael)

Freedom Movement Stems from the Throne of Grace

This call is timed with the great rejoicings in the country of our birth and it is worthwhile to pay heed to it in view of the timely editorial of the Guardian dated 11th July, 1957 "Indian Christians and the Government". It is an eloquent defence of the unique position of the community in the motherland notwithstanding the unfair criticism it suffers at the hands of its foes who are, sometimes, of its own household. The Christian Community in India is a historic necessity to the welfare-specially spiritual—of the nation, as a herald of the freedom movement; its members are reckoned as the heirs of the Kingdom of God which stimulates the urge for freedom; they are conscious that the benefits of the freedom movement will not be lasting if it does not spring from the Throne of Grace. The Christian Community is a new creation of this glorious century which witnesses the 100th Anniversary of India's first struggle for freedom. It may be that as a community, like any other community of this sub-continent, it did not take part in any abortive and bloody attempt to overthrow the foreign rule. However, individuals from it joined the Freedom Fighters. But unlike other communities it has been assigned by providence the distinctive role—the role of storming the heavens with the daily prayer—"THY KINGDOM COME ON EARTH" (with the highest peak in India as its roof) "AS IT IS IN HEAVEN" It cannot be gainsaid that this is the modest, but very significant contribution being made by the Christian Indians; it furthers the DIVINE PLAN DESIGNED FOR INDIA'S ADVANCE TOWARDS THE GOAL OF INDEPENDENCE. Hence the three days of celebration are to be deemed by us a divinely bestowed opportunity to enable our people to discern God's plan of deliverance.

2. Sacramental Celebrations of Three-Day Festivals.

August 14 to 16. have been declared holidays in the year of our Lord, 1957; they are for the 100th anniversary of India's freedom struggle. It is linked with the 10th anniversary of independence. Hence it is a double event of great

rejoicings. These are for us sacramental for grateful remembrance of the Indian Christian Worthies who laboured this period in the Vineyard of our Lord. By their heroic sufferings, far surpasing those of political struggle, we are deemed today as a dynamic minority community; Yea! we are esteemed by the Prime Minister of India on the eve of Independence as "part and parcel of the Indian people, forming one of the many enriching elements in its cultural and spiritual life" (Indian Express 27-5-1947). This is the time for the Christian Indian leaders and ministers of the Gospel, to list out the lives of the forgotten worthies in their respective linguistic areas and make their memories glow in the hearts of the younger generation. A specimen list is in the Annexure.

They may be rightly regarded as "THE SAPPERS AND MINERS" of the true freedom struggle in the the Church militant of India. Their dream of the indigenous Gospel enterprise has been realised by the National Missionary Society. Most of us Christians in India are of humble origin: 80 percent of us come from the depressed classes or from the hill or primitive tribes; we are thankful to Providence for the remarkable leadership developed amongst us in the past one hundred years. Untouchability which is now banned under law as a crime, disappeared from us with the change of heart under the impulse of the Spirit from on high. In short the seed of progressive reformation which is sought to be effected amidst backward classes at tax-payer's cost has become the gifts of the changed lives to the Christian Indians. The incentive and inspiration, divinely granted to us as "God's people"—"a chosen generation," helped the Father of the Land to declare over night the entire bulk of the depressed and Untouchables as "HARIJANS" of the Indian Nation. We humble ourselves before God for having called us 'children of glorious liberty' to be the pioneers of the people of the backward country. In what way then, shall we highten the celebrations?

Our Churches and shrines of worship may be kept open for non-stop chain prayers so that our supplications and prayers may ascend to heaven on behalf of our Government and leaders. In penitence we bow before God for forgiveness of grave crimes of omissions and commissions in the country so that all things may work together for the good of the people. As Christians of this great country we are to

rededicate ourselves and our children so that we may recapture the vision of our forefathers regarding the shape of things that come over our motherland in accordance with the divine plan of regeneration.

"HE MOST LIVES WHO THINKS MOST,
FEELS THE NOBLEST, ACTS THE BEST"

Such a source of positive influence is remote for a minority community unless it has been endowed by power from on high. This has been true and it is evident from what has happened in the Indian history of this glorious century.

3. The Challenge of the Spring of the Living Waters.

As man's memory is short, true history may seem stranger than fictious story. But what really happened is a matter of tremendous importance for posterity. It is true that the British, in their three hundred years of association with India have done much good; but they did not bring 'a New heaven and a New earth' to this country; the administrators of the East India Company even opposed the introduction of the Gospel of Christ; whereas they subsidised the Muslim and Hindu religions; but in the wake of the British advent and Missionary Evangelistic enterprise, India has come under the impact of THE CHRIST OF THE INDIAN ROAD. The thinking section of the Indian people sensed the spirit of renaissance blowing where it listeth like the wind. Lo! the spring of the living waters 'theertha' of the Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ blended with the cultural and spiritual streams of the Kavery and Gangetic valleys. In the words of a great Hindu reformer, "The ideas that lie at the heart of the Gospel of Christ have been slowly, but surely permeating every part of Hindu Society, modifying every phase of Hindu thought". It is an undeniable fact that the Living Waters of Christ carry with it a challenge for, either response to a new life, or rebellion to a dead-end. This challenge was taken up by individuals and groups and they paid a tremendous price of tribulations for their stand under the banner of the Cross. It is these persons who gave rise to the phenominal growth of the Christian Indian Community. They are the token lamps lit in the dark corners of the country, but not without tasting, as forerunners of freedom, the bitter cup of sufferings for the glorious liberty conferred on them by the Gospel of Christ. But what has happened when the challenge was ignored? It is the story of the Great Rebellion in India.

4. Resistence Reveals the Coming of the Kingdom in Clouds. (Rev. 1 : 7)

The conservative India, dominated by the priests of the Muslims and Hindus, resisted the new world that was pressing upon her; fear of conversion to Christianity spread among the sepoys as new models of guns requiring greasing were introduced; they succumbed to religious susceptibility by false rumours about the contents of the grease. Vested interests in the Religious and Princely India got alarmed at the radical reforms and Regulations introduced by the East India Company. So The Great Rebellion broke out resulting in in carnage and massacre. Fears and losses demoralised the opposing forces. But the vision of the Kingdom of God coming on India was kept undimmed by the Christian Indians as they prayed morning and evening "THY KINGDOM COME ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN". One such incident brightens the chapter of the Great Rebellion. A handful of the Christians of Bareilly, a rebellious military camp, gathered together for worship on 31st May, 1857, the dreadful day fixed for general rising. Before the mob from the camp broke in, the Indian minister of the Gospel, Joel Janvier, delivered the promise of the Lord Jesus Christ, "FEAR NOT, LITTLE FLOCK, FOR IT IS YOUR FATHER'S GOOD WILL TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM". Some of the 'Little Flock' fell as martyrs during this uprisings. But the promise of God has been in action in a way that passeth the understanding of man. The misrule of the East India Company came to an end and an Act of 1858 passed in the British Parliament "For the better Government of India." A graphic description of this tremendous transition is given by an English writer in the following words:

"The last smoking ashes of the mutiny were not stamped out until 1859 ; but before the rising was over the end had come of the East India Company". Thus the destiny of India for a little less than a century came under the direct control of Great Britian with Queen Victoria proclaimed as its Empress on the 1st January. 1877. Now the historians and text book authors start singing chorus of the benefits of the British Rule. Both the British and Princely India were marching on merrily with the least idea of any set back or change in the rule by foreigners. Unscrutable are, however, the ways of Providence to the rulers of this world in regard to the rise, decline and fall of the empires and nations.

" God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform
His purposes will ripen fast
Unfolding every hour
God is his own Interpreter
And He will make it plain.

Inspite of this heavenly vision of an English poet, the British statesmen kept on guessing the meaning and usefulness of their Empire ; they could not visualise how the brightest gem now set in the imperial crown is being grounded under the divine plan for the goal of independence; but the Christian Indians continued the chain of what the Lord has taught them to pray : "THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN." They do not rest content with a mere human system of government however benevolent it might be if it falls short of the ideal of the Kingdom of God.

5. The benefits of the Powers that be, are no substitute for the benediction of the beatitude of the Kingdom of God.

In due time, poets and prophets rose among the Christian Indians before the dawn of the Indian agitation for 'Swaraj' ; they started predicting, in songs of their mother-tongue, the advent of God's reign under the radiation of the glorious Gospel of Christ. This divine desire of the soul of India is summed up in the Marathi poems of N. V. Tilak :

When shall these longings be sufficed
That stir my spirit night and day ?
When shall I see my country lay
Her homage at the Feet of Christ ;

How thirst I for that blessed day
When India's spiritual power
And all her ancient wisdom's dower
Shall own His consummating sway ?

India's response in part to the challenge of Christ has saved her to serve world's cause for peace ; whereas other mighty nations burried the beatitudes of Christ under armaments and atomic weapons and they gave birth to evils of two great World Wars. Blessed are they who discern the divine Hand that guides the soul of Bharat towards the goal of true freedom. We realise today that the achievement of freedom and independence

after the withdrawal of the British is not all round ; it does not necessarily carry with it the achievement of better life and equality ; but the Gospel of Christ declares that all men are of value and are equal in the eyes of the Kingdom of God ; they cannot be self-centred or church-centred. Theirs is a cosmic world-embracing faith ; this faith is forward looking. Those who look back are not fit for the Kingdom.

The kingdom-centred Christians can therefore not be content with the maintenance of an old established order since its power tends to corrupt. Knowing human nature what it is, 'all power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely" Indian politicians are no exception to this tendency and just now Bharat Matha is groaning with birth pangs ; Yes ! she is passing through heart throbs with the entire creation for the benediction of the BEATITUDES OF CHRIST. But Alas ! these beatitudes of a revolutionary character seem to be receding to the background, though they are of valuable elements for the fructification of the PanchShila. We, Christian Indians, are now called upon to recover this sense of revolution ourselves as witnesses in the motherland to the reality of the Kingdom of God. It is easy for us to be manoeuvred into a position of opposing legitimate social revolutions. What is then the true stand of the Christian ? What stand is more revolutionary than the one with a faith which declares that *men can be born again ?* What stand is more revolutionary than the one as the leaven which can transform the whole ? And what is more revolutionary than the faith which could once be said to have "turned the world upside down"? It is this faith which gives the Christian Indian the tenacity which he needs so badly in a world of constant disillusions. It is this faith which awakens in his community the sense of responsibility for the expansion as well as the intensification of the evangelistic enterprise in their motherland. Thus alone a divine community can discern the plan designed towards the attainment of true independence of their country.

This call to discern this miracle is a call to finish the task left unfinished by the forgotten worthies of the Indian Church. Yea ! that task is a heavenly one ; it requires our undivided attention to make the divided Body of Christ a United Church of India. As members of the Church, striking root in the motherland and abiding in Christ under the power of the indwelling Spirit, "we must be

forward looking and onward moving to some far off divine event. This we do in fellowship with the Determiner of Destiny. We should not forget that the goodness of the past leaves undiminshed, to the living present, the command, "Repent Ye ; the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand". So the Church will nourish the vision of the greater things God will yet do through her, or inspite of her in the brave days to come."

Annexture to the Article : THE CALL TO DISCERN :

LIST OF INDIAN CHRISTIAN WORTHIES WHOSE DAYS OF BAPTISM MAY BE OBSERVED AS SPECIAL DAYS OF COMMEMORATION

	Date of Birth	Baptism	Fell Asleep
Tamilnad			
1. Venerable Vedanayaga Sastriar	7-9-1774	?	24-1-1864
2. H. A. Krishna Pillai	1827	29-3-1858	1-2-1900
3. Rt. Rev. V. S. Azariah	17-8-1874	?	1-1-1945
4. K. T. Paul	24-3-1876	?	11-4-1931
Kerala			
5. Bishop Marian Nainan Abraham	1881	?	1947
6. Rev. John Jacob Rama Varma	28-11-1814	5-4-1835	1857
Canara			
7. Rev. H. Ananda Rao Kundaniya	20-3-1825	6-1-1835	1891
Andhra			
8. Rev. Manchala Ratnam	?	?	10th Nov.
9. P. Venkayya	1811	?	19-9-1891
Mahrashtra			
10. Vishnupant Bhasker Karmarker	1834	22-6-1860	Aug.1881
11. Pandita Ramabai	1858	29-9-1883	1922
12. Narayan Vaman Tilak	1862	10-2-1895	9-5-1919

	Date of Birth	Baptism	Fell Asleep
Orissa			
13. Gungadhor Sarrawgee	?	23-3-1828	10-11-1866
Bengal			
14. Dr. Krishna Mohan Banerjea	May, 1813	1832	11-5-1885
Upper India			
15. Prof. Ram Chandra	1821	11-3-1852	11-8-1890
16. Rev. Nehemiah Goreh	8-2-1825	14-3-1848	29-10-1895
Punjab			
17. Babu Ralli Ram	1847	28-3-1870	Aug. 1892
18. Sher Singh-Munsif		11-4-1870	Aug. 1892
19. Sadhu Sundar Singh	3-9-1889	3-9-1905	16-4-1929 (Departure)
Guzarat			
20. Munshi Abdul Rahman	1813	8-10-1843	?
Parsis			
21. Rev. Hermezdji Pestonji	8-8-1820	5-5-1839	6-7-1891
Muslims			
22. Rev. Abdul Masih	1765	18-3-1813	4-3-1827
23. Rev. Jani Alli	1838	Mar.1855	15-10-1894

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"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"
"and lo, I am with you alway,
even unto the end of the world—*Amen*."

THE PRAYERS OF A CHRISTIAN FRIEND OF THE N. M. S.

Our Father
who art in heaven
hallowed be thy Name
thy kingdom come
thy will be done
in earth as in heaven
specially in me
I beseech thee.

Lk. 11 : 1-4; Mt. 6 : 33.

O sweet Face of Jesus
show me thy beauty
I implore
that beholding it, I may forget all else
and become like thee
more and more
meek and lowly, pure and gracious
by thy grace and power
every day and every hour
till thy blessed Face is seen in me O Lord.

Ps. 27 : 8; II Cor. 4 : 6, 3 : 18; Rom. 8 : 19, 29.

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NEWS AND NOTES

The Madras Ladies' Auxiliary Sale will be held on the 10th of August this year in the Nursery School, Vepery, Madras. As usual, arrangements are being made by the Auxiliary to get up a good show which attracts all the Christian friends in the city. Last year we got Rs. 3000/- and odd, but this year our target is Rs. 5000/-. The money realised from this Sale is used for religious and educational work in Puram. We solicit the support of ladies and gentlemen in the city for this worthy cause. We hope and pray that God will bless all our arrangements and make this Sale a success.

Our Executive Committee meeting this year will take place in Delhi towards the end of September. Our President Bishop S. K. Mondol is staying in Delhi and we are sure that the members of the Branch there, with the help and advice of the Bishop will make all arrangements for the Executive to meet. The object of having the meeting of the Executive in the different parts of India is to bring together all the office-bearers and members representing the various areas to review the work done by the Society and to plan for the future. We request your prayers for the success of this meeting.

Mr. J. Amoda, our Area Secretary for Malabar and S. Kanara, has been touring in the Bombay Presidency for sixty eight days, and contacted many friends and institutions. May the Lord bless his tours and give him the necessary health and strength to continue His work. We need many more Amodas to work for the society.

Mr. Stanley Meyyappa, Hony. Secretary for the South Tamil Area Committee reports that the provincial conference of the South Tamil Area will be held in the first week of September at Trivandrum. Delegates from the various Branches will meet to discuss the work of the Society. There will be a Sale also during the conference, and offerings both in kind and money will be received from the various Branches. It will be a time of fellowship and joy when N. M. S. friends from the different areas meet together for a few days to exchange notes. The Secretary requests the prayers of all friends.

We are glad to get news from the Hony. Treasurer, High Range Branch, Munnar about the Branch. The friends in

the forty Estates who are scattered in the Munnar Range give their donations when they are met by the office-bearers of the Branch who visit the Estates about the middle of the year. We are glad that they have sent us a cheque for Rs. 100/- recently being the arrears of the Sale proceeds.

Our thanks are due to Messrs. Victor Reginald, Hon. Secretary, J. S. Martin, Joint Secretary and A. Sobanam, Hon. Treasurer for all their efforts on behalf of the Society.

Dr. A. C. Abraham, our General Secretary, Hyderabad reports that the new President of the Hyderabad N. M. S. Branch, Dr. R. D. Krupadanam is taking a keen interest in the working of the Branch and we are sure that he with his band of workers will enable the branch to grow into usefulness.

Miss Sircar is very much interested in the Nepal work and is planning to send Mr. A. V. Singh and others to finalise the arrangements for starting work at Butwol. We are also happy to inform you that Mr. & Mrs. Sam John of Allahabad have offered to go to Nepal as our first missionaries for a short period. May the Lord bless all the arrangements and enable us to start work in Nepal as early as possible.

Miss E. L. Joshua, our Organising Secretary for Tamilnad has just gone on a short tour to Trichinopoly and is trying to revive the Branch there which has not been active recently. I am sure her efforts will be successful. She will contact friends in the city of Madras in connection with the Sale after her return.

We invite the attention of all friends of the N. M. S., Churches and Institutions to the N. M. S. Week and Day of Prayer. The N. M. S. Week begins from the 6th October and the Day of Prayer falls on the 13th October. The Call to Prayer written by Bishop Alexander Mar Theophilus, to be published in the next issue will be sent to all the churches. We request the Pastors to arrange for the observance of the Week and the Day of Prayer in their respective churches.

We congratulate Miss M. M. Singh for being appointed as Hony. Secretary for the U. P. Area Committee in the place of our revered Dr. A. Ralla Ram who was so efficiently and enthusiastically carrying on the responsibility for a number of years.

We thank God for the realisation of one of his aspirations viz., to start N. M. S. work in Nepal.

We are hard up for funds to pay our workers, especially during these lean months (May and June) as our friends and well-wishers have gone out of their stations for summer holidays. Now we remind them of their usual contribution to the Society and hope that God will supply all our needs before long.

Our friends will be glad to know that in addition to the two Evangelists already sent who are now taking training at the Christu-kula Ashram, Tirupattur, Mr. & Mrs. Vedanayagam will also be joining them and work will soon be started on the Jawadi Hills. We are grateful that the Government Forest School at Kuttathoor has already been placed at our disposal at a nominal rent. Our Evangelists will stay there and carry on their work on the hills.

MY VISIT TO SAT TAL ASHRAM

It was in 1930 when Dr. E. Stanley Jones—the world evangelist started his famous Ashram in Sat Tal—a quiet hill station about 14 miles from Naini Tal— the summer capital of U. P. Government. The word 'Sat Tal' means seven lakes; and these lakes and surrounding hills with beautiful pine trees make the place an ideal resort for quiet retreats for physical and spiritual refreshment. For about a month each year in summer Dr. Stanley Jones comes from America to run his Ashram in Sat Tal. This year the Ashram lasted from 21st May to 18th June 1957. There were about 80 members who attended the Ashram this year. It was an Inter-denominational and international gathering. There were Indians from all parts of India, English, Americans, Africans and even a Greek—Sister Leela. She is a highly cultured and well qualified medical doctor; but has now specialised in the art of massaging. She goes about as a real Sadhuni—relieving the suffering of humanity by massaging the sick and aching bodies of people, even the wounds of lepers. She is a unique christian pesonality dedicated to glorify God through service to humanity—radiant with the joy and overflowing love of Christ—an embodiment of self-surrender and selfless love, Christian sacrifice and service. Besides

Christians, there were persons belonging to other faiths. I would specially mention a Hindu Medical doctor from Patna and a Sikh lady with her young son from Delhi, who threw themselves wholeheartedly and devotedly into every activity of the Ashram and were an example in Christian behaviour to many a Christian. They need our constant prayers to accept Christ openly as their personal Saviour. Kindly remember them in your prayers.

This Ashram is a unique creation of a unique personality working in a unique way and has a unique future. It has been founded by a Foreign missionary—a great friend of India Dr. Stanley Jones, who calls India his adopted motherland. He came out to India fifty years ago as a young missionary to be the Pastor of the English Methodist Church, Lalbagh, Lucknow. During his missionary service here, he says he has learned much from India. He is an evangelist first and last. In his search for the best method to reach the soul of India and win this great land for Christ, he experimented with different methods. He started the method of "Round Table Conferences" where they could "bear soul to soul" as he says in his book "The Christ of the Round Table". But this method, though good in itself, smacked of westernism. And so ultimately he has adopted the purely Indigenous method—the method of the Ashram. In this Christian Ashram all are equal—brothers and sisters—who sit at the feet of Christ who is the Guru of the Ashram, as one of the Mottoes which hangs on the walls of the Chapel reads—"Christ is the Guru of the Ashram". Not only has Dr. Stanley Jones founded this Ashram in India, but it was left to him—an adopted son of Mother India—to transport this Indian method of preaching to other countries of the world—even across the seas. He has already seven such Ashrams in America and some in Japan. May God help him to open many more in other countries of the East and the West! The natural sons and daughters of Mother India owe a deep debt of gratitude to their brother in Christ—Dr. Stanley Jones—an adopted son of India.

I was asked by Miss K. Sircar, our Hon. Associate General Secretary to go and see Dr. Stanley Jones on a particular mission and visit the Ashram to form contacts with those who come to the Ashram from different parts of our country. She asked me specially to meet the young men and women and put before them the challenge of new doors

opening before the N.M.S. for evangelistic work in Nepal, Puri Ashram, Assam borders etc. So far the N. M. S. has had offers mostly from the South Indian Christians. We are grateful for that. But we are equally eager that the Youth of North India should also see the vision and need for evangelistic work in the North and bordering countries through the N.M.S. I am glad to report that two young men responded to my appeal and had promised to consider the call for Butwol—Nepal.

I had a wonderful Christian fellowship at the Sat Tal Ashram and contacted several persons who had promised to help the N. M. S. I was given an opportunity to address the group one evening on N. M. S. and also spoke on other occasions while at the Ashram. I owe it to the members of the N. M. S. to share with them the lessons I learnt at the Ashram and the talks I gave there. And I propose to do so in the subsequent issues of our paper, the N. M. I.

Besides this Ashram there were other Camps going on in the vicinity and I had good opportunities to meet the representatives of different places of India at these Camps. From Sat Tal I went to Naini Tal for one day where the Pastor of the Methodist Church there and Mr. Sanwal, the retired Headmaster of the Mission School have promised to form a regular branch of the Society in that city. (To be continued)

A. V. SINGH,
Hon. Organising Secretary,
N. India.

VISIT OF DR. A. C. ABRAHAM AND MR. BALASINGAM SATYA TO NAGERCOIL

Dr. A. C. Abraham and Mr. Balasingam Satya came here to Nagarcoil from Trivandrum in the forenoon of 13th June and stayed in the house of Mr. D. J. Anbiah. To meet the N.M.S. Committee members, members of the Ladies' Missionary Auxiliary Committee, Deacons and other important persons of church, an 'At Hme' was arranged in Mr Anbiah's house at 4-30 p.m. that day. Dr. Abraham had a talk with the members present. He explained that the N.M.S. should be considered as a part of the Home Missionary Societies of all the Indian Protestant Churches. N.M.S.

has yet an important part to play in the evangelisation of Nepal, Assam and other parts of India not yet touched by the Indian Missions. He pointed out that even now nearly all Missions in India are getting foreign aid though to a lesser extent than before. So a purely indigenous misssionary organisation like the N.M.S. is still necessary.

In the evening at 6-30 p.m. a Service was held in the church, Rev. V. D Sahayam presiding. Mr. Balasingam Satya spoke about the origin and past history of the N.M.S. and Dr. A C. Abraham about its present and future. The latter emphasised that in order to win souls for Christ, missionary zeal should be kept alive by constant waiting on God to get spiritual guidance just as fire is kept burning by continuous use of firewood. The N.M.S. authorities are now only too anxious to go ahead with the work of spreadding the Gospel by approaching the non-Christians in a manner that will appeal to them They are not worried about the financial implications and the present N.M.S. debt of Rs. 21000/- as they leave no stone unturned to effect economies in their expenditure. He added, by making some drastic changes in the N.M.S. House and the Press they are gaining about Rs. 200/- now monthly. Besides they are saving the pay of the General Secretary by fortunately having made the post honorary. With the co-operation of the Christian public, the debt is sure to be wiped out in the near future and the work of the N.M.S. carried on effectively.

A. ALFRED,
Secretary, N.M.S. Men's Branch,
Nagercoil.

THE U. P. AREA COMMITTEE

The following is the Minute of the Emergency Committee of the U. P. Area adopted at its meeting held on 17th may, 1957 in memory of the late Dr. Augustine Ralla Ram, Secretary, U. P. Area Committee, N.M.S.

"Members of the Committee remained standing in silence as the President read out the following condolence resolution for the late Dr. A. Ralla Ram. After observance

of silence Prof. Samuels Lal prayed for the members of the bereaved family :—

The Emergency Sub-committee on behalf of the N.M S. U. P. Area Committee places on record with sorrow the passing away of the Very Rev. Dr. Augustine Ralla Ram on the 15th March, 1957. He was the Hon. Secretary of this Area Committee for many years up to the end of his earthly life.

The U. P. Area Committee in him has lost an ardent and faithful friend. He was a very loyal supporter of the cause of the National Missionary Society. He served for many years on the Executive Committee of the All India N.M S., with zeal and distinction and we do thank God for his life and witness.

We shall miss his guidance and genial companionship from our Committees. He discharged his duties faithfully and conscientiously as unto the Lord whom he served with the best of his abilities. Evangelism was the passion of his soul and he dedicated his life to the cause of Christ and His Church.

The Committee conveys its heartfelt sympathy to his family in their bereavement and prays to God to give them His comfort and peace."

LATE SRI G. R. PHILIP

Sri G. Ramachandran was born and brought up in an orthodox Hindu family. He was a staunch Hindu strictly adhering to all Hindu rites till his 40th year.

Twenty years ago, while working as a skilled mason, he came to know the Gospel of Christ through his children studying in a Christian school. His two sons, then 8 and 10 years old, did bring him to Christ. He allowed these two youngsters to receive baptism but he hesitated for some years to embrace the Christian fold. During this time, he made a thorough study of the Bible as he had a fairly good knowledge in Tamil. While he was thoroughly convinced of the truth he received baptism with the new name Philip in the Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church at Kumbakonam 15 years ago.

On 4th November 1955 he reached Tirupattur (N. Arcot Dt.) with an introductory letter from the T.E.L.C. Pastor at Bangalore. We decided to keep him at Katteri N.M.S. Centre as he wanted to have evangelistic training. He was getting Rs. 20/- every month regularly from his younger son Joseph who is in the Military Department. He cooked his food himself without giving the least trouble to anyone. He took an active part in all our evangelistic programme. All the Hindus and Muslims around Katteri had a great respect for him as he was preaching the Gospel without receiving a pie for it. Moreover, voluntarily he built single-handed the R.C.S.F. Silver Jubilee Hall at Katteri in June 1956 without the assistance of any other mason. This free service rendered in the name of Christ made the labouring class around to think seriously about the power of the Gospel of Christ.

On the 18th of April 1957, in his 60th year, he passed away peacefully at Katteri due to heart failure. May God raise many more volunteers to serve Christ with all their strength, skill and wealth following in the footsteps of the late Sri G. R. Philip.

Katteri,
10-7-57.

R. GNANADIKAM.

OUR MISSIONARY TOUR

In the night of Thursday the 6th June 1957, Dr. A. C. Abraham, our General Secretary and I left Madras by the Trivandrum Express, and after an uneventful journey, reached Tenkasi in the afternoon of Friday, the 7th. In about an hour's time, we arrived at Devasahaya Veedu at Courtallam. We were received there warm-heartedly by Dr. S. Jesudason and his two **chelas** Rajamanickam (a Lutheran young man) and Siluvai Raj (A Roman Catholic lad). The presence of these two youngsters at the Ashramam is an eloquent testimony that, even in an extreme diversity of denominations, Christian unity can exist in pre-eminence. Dr. Jesudason had recently recovered from a serious ailment and was on diet. Nevertheless, the hospitality which he extended to us was none the less cordial, and the spiritual atmosphere which we breathed in the Ashramam was very exhilarating.

In the evening Dr. Jesudason took us to the Falls—a very glorious sight. There we enjoyed the company of an old Roman Catholic gentleman who had made substantial donations towards the erection of the Jebalayam at Courtallam. I was startled at his profound knowledge of the scriptures; he displayed a broad mind, which is very rare among Roman Catholics. We were surprised to meet at the place Mr. D. R. Vedamuthu, the President of the N. M. S. Branch at Trivandrum. He had come here with his family to spend a few days. Returning home, we joined in the quiet Sandya Service conducted by Dr. Jesudason in the Ashramam. After supper, we discussed together matters concerning the N.M.S.

In the morning of Saturday the 8th June, we visited the Jebalayam, built on the model of that erected at Tirupattur. It is an inspiring structure situated in ideal and peaceful surroundings We joined in a short service, at which I commended the N.M.S. to the prayerful support of the inmates of the Ashramam.

Taking leave of our host, we proceeded to Tenkasi in a bus, took the Madras—Trivandrum Express and arrived at Kottarakara at about 5 O'clock in the evening, the train being over half-an-hour late. We were received at the Station by the Rev. M. A. Jacob, the local Pastor and his Catechist. We boarded a station waggon bound for Tiruvalla. On approaching a village called Yenath, we had to cross over a stream. It was now in floods and we were forced to face a current of deep waters, which the buses could not cross. I was in a frame of mind exactly similar to that which John surnamed Mark found himself in at Perga, but the persuasive eloquence of Dr. Abraham prevailed. We abandoned our waggon and waded across the waters, which came up to our waists, our luggage being carried over by two villagers. We changed our wet clothings at the Bus shed on the other side of the stream and got into a bus bound for Kottayam. We reached Tiruvalla at about 9-30 p.m. We were received at the Bus Stand by the Rev. K. P. Philip, M.A., Secretary, Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association, who was patiently waiting for us for over two hours, and were taken by him to the residence of the Most Rev. Juhanan Mar Thoma, Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church, and were very comfortably housed there. The Metropolitan was out of town.

In the morning of Whitsunday, the 9th June, Dr. Abraham preached in the Emmanuel Church, Ervi Peroor, a village about six miles away from Tiruvalla. I addressed a group of over 200 Sunday School children at my place, and thereafter attended the morning and pre-Communion Services in St. Thomas' Church and preached on the Workings of the Holy Spirit through the N. M. S. Dr. Abraham and I dined with Rev. K. P. Philip and his family. The Metropolitan returned from his short tour in the afternoon, and the time which Dr. Abraham and myself spent in his company was very blessed. We did not miss the prayers which he uttered in his chapel in the mornings and in the evenings; they were so elevating.

In the evening, Dr. Abraham and myself attended the meeting of the joint Committee of the Evangelistic Association and the N.M.S. Standing Committee. The Metropolitan presided over it and the Rev. K. P. Philip conducted it. Bishop Thomas Mar Athanasius, Ven'ble K. E. Oommen and Advocate A. C. Mathews were present. The discussions were of a high order, characterised by utmost Christian generosity of feeling. There can be no doubt that the relationship between the two bodies will ere long be clearly defined.

On Monday the 10th June, we visited the Women's Mandir, a Training Institute with Boarding for Women, run by the Syrian Christian Volunteers' Evangelical Association, and spoke to the pupils. We then visited the Bishop Abraham Mar Thoma Bible Institute, and Dr. Abraham addressed the students, among whom we found one or two Hindu pupils. In the afternoon we visited Messrs. K. K. Kuruvilla, P. O. Philip and I Kuriyan, my old class mates of the year 1905 in the Madras Christian College, whereas our English tutor, Mr. K. T. Paul, one of the Founders of the N. M. S., instilled into us a perpetual love for our beloved Society. We, of course, did not miss Mrs. Kuriyan who has done such a lot for the Ladies' Auxiliary at Madras.

We also visited the new Mar Thoma College, and the Bethel Ashramam, which is run by the Diocese of South Travancore and which Sister Rachel showed us round. We also visited the Mar Thoma Girls' School (with Boarding) and addressed the pupils in their spacious chapel.

We left Tiruvalla in the morning of Tuesday the 11th June by bus and reached Trivandrum in the afternoon. We

were kindly received there by the Rev. T. B. Benjamin and were comfortably lodged in the C. S. I. Guest House. Mr. Benjamin, Vidwan I. Paul Sastry and Mr. Thomas (a young man employed in the Life Insurance Corporation) looked after our needs. We visited a number of N. M. S. friends in the evening including Dr (Mrs) Lukose (Retd. Surgeon General) and the Rev. J. E. Kesari.

In the morning of Wednesday the 12th June, we visited the C. S. I. Theological Seminary, where I spoke to the students. This Institution is efficiently maintained and possesses a fine library. We visited a number of N. M. S. friends including Miss Sighamani and her sisters, A. Gunamoni and T. D. Barnabas. In the evening Dr. Abraham and I addressed a meeting of N.M.S. friends in the Vestry of Christ Church. The Rev. J. E. Kesari, M.A., presided. In commemoration of our visit, Mr. A. Gunamoni handed over an one hundred rupee note to Dr. Abraham.

We left Trivandrum for Nagercoil by bus in the morning of Thursday, the 13th June. A. Arthur, BA., LT., received us at Nagercoil. We were comfortably housed in the residence of Mr. D. J. Anbiah, a rich and leading citizen of Nagercoil. We were very cordially received by Mrs. Anbiah and children and his mother-in-law Mrs. Gnanasigamoni, the President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the place. In the evening there was a Tea party for us in the house arranged by Mrs. Gnanasighamani and Mrs. Anbiah, and Dr. Abraham spoke at it. Mrs. Gnanasighamani, in her reply, remarked that more missionary news ought to be given in the N. M. I., and that the Deepikai should be published in easy Tamil, readable by the common people. After this meeting, we went to the Home Mission Church—a spacious edifice capable of accommodating over 2000 people. We addressed a Service specially held for us. It was conducted by the Rev. V. D. Sahayam, M.A., the Incumbent of the Church, once a Travelling Secretary of the N. M. S.

On Friday, the 14th June, we paid a visit to Mr. D. M. Devasahayam, B.A., B.D., and proceeded to Cape Comorin. We saw there K. V. Rajan, a former missionary of the N. M. S., We came back to Nagercoil, took an Express Bus to Tinnevelly Station, and arrived at Madras on Saturday, the 15th June. after a very fruitful missionary tour.

S. Balasingam Satya.

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PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

That God may bless all the efforts taken by his children to hold the meeting of the Executive Committee of the N. M. S. at Delhi from the 21st to 23rd September, 1957 and that many of the members of the Executive may attend it;

That the discussions and decisions at Delhi may be fruitful and that everything may be done for the extension of His Kingdom and His glory;

That God may bless and guide the members of the Gospel Team who will be visiting the important cities and towns in N. India during the end of September, October and November 1957;

That as a result of the visit of the Gospel Team, many of the Churches and Branches in N. India may be revived;

That God may bless the four evangelists in Jawadi Hills and that in spite of discouragements and difficulties, they may carry on His work with zeal;

That God may send worthy children to take charge of the Ashram at Puri and also strengthen and guide Mr. and Mrs. Sam John and Miss Sircar as they intend leaving for work in Nepal;

That He may bless all the efforts made by the members of the S. Tamil Area Committee to hold its conference at Trivandrum between the 2nd and 4th of September;

For the missionary activities of Bishop Alexander in India and pray that his tour in Malaya and East Asia may be richly blessed.

Let us thank God for the success of the Madras Ladies' Auxiliary Sale held on the 10th August and for the great interest that the Christian public had shown in the Sale;

For the many generous contributions received for the extension of His work;

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"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"
"and lo, I am with you alway,
even unto the end of the world—*Amen.*"

The Call to Prayer for the Bharat Christya Sevak Samaj

(N. M. S. OF INDIA)

N. M. S. Week of Prayer Oct. 6—13th, 1957
Day of Prayer 13th October 1957.

(By Bishop Alexander Mar Theophilus)

This call to prayer for the Bharat Christya Sevak Samaj is being sent out year by year, trusting in the Lord's promises and in the guidance of His Holy Spirit, and in response to the bidding to preach repentance and remission in His name among all nations (LK 24:47). We thank God for what He has done in and through the Samaj during the past 52 years, and we confess our many failures and disobedience to His will. As we are to make known our requests with thanksgiving, we draw near with confidence to the Throne of Grace trusting in the intercessions of our great High priest, and the Holy Spirit who prays within us.

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15) "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25). Likewise the spirit also

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helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. (Rom. 8:26).

The Bharat Christya Sevak Samaj was founded on Christmas day 1905 at Serampore by a small band of faithful people who felt that the sons and daughters of India who follow the Lord Jesus Christ have the special responsibility to obey the command of their Lord to spread the Gospel in this land. The church in India has been established largely by the sacrificial labours of friends from the West, and naturally it conformed very much to the pattern of the church in Western countries, not only in the expressions of faith and doctrine, but also of mode of worship, church organisations and evangelistic outreach. This unfortunately has made it appear alien to the genius and culture of this land. It is now being universally recognised that each nation must bring its peculiar treasures of culture and heritage to the tribute of Jesus. The gift of heavenly life given to all the world in Jesus Christ has to be presented to India and appropriated by India in the ways peculiar to her own rich cultural background, so as to reach effectively the soul of India. Ours is a land which has especially expressed its spiritual aspirations through the centuries by devoted men and women. The need, therefore, to present the living Christ to India in the glory of His sacrifice and risen power, by Indians in Indian modes is urgent. Those who founded the N. M. S. had this vision before them. What has been done till now in this respect is but the beginning of what remains yet to be attained.

At the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the N. M. S. held throughout the country in 1955, the question was asked whether there was need for the continued work of the N. M. S., in view of the fact that the churches in India were now having their own missionary work, done mostly through Indian personnel. While this is true to a large extent, it has to be recognized that much of the missionary work is carried on along the lines familiarized by Western friends. Indigenization has to be realized, not only in methods of presenting the Gospel, but also in the churches own modes of worship, and interpretations of doctrine and expression in service. The ideals of renunication, and spiritual discipline, and the life of service under the leadership of a guru,

which are native to India, have yet to become more widely realized, under the one Guru and Lord, Jesus Christ. The N. M. S. stands for the realization of these ideals in the missionary effort of the church in India.

Along with its emphasis on indigenization, the N. M. S. seeks the united effort of all the churches in India in the evangelization of our country. It is the only All-India Interdenominational Missionary Organisation. Different churches have difference in doctrines and rituals. But they are all one in facing the need to present the Gospel to all nations. Where doctrines divide, common tasks and responsibilities bring the churches closer. It has been observed that the urge towards manifesting the unity in Christ has been most keenly felt where Christians have come together to bear witness to the saving power of Christ on the mission field. The N M.S. belongs to all the denominations that wish to co-operate in it for the evangelization of India, exalting Christ as the Saviour of the world.

The N.M.S. has work to do both within the churches and outside the churches with the co-operation of the different churches.

First, it has continually to remind the churches of the ever-present responsibility of every member of the church to be a witness to Christ's saving power. The Motto that every Christian is a Missionary, whatever his separate calling in life may be, is to be held high constantly before all. The need for this is growing these days. Materialism and other godless ideologies are rising and growing in power in our motherland. Many are enticed to go after the world neglecting spiritual realities and values. Therefore we have to pray without ceasing that the Holy Sprit may revive the church by the quickening power of the Word of God. Prayer cells, Gospel Teams and witness groups must work without ceasing till each professing Christian becomes a courageous witness to Christ.

Carefully planned arrangements have to be made for regular study of God's word and effective witnessing to others. Visiting done once a year will not be enough. Teams have to meet regularly and prepare systematically for visiting. The persons, families or institutions to be visited must be prayerfully selected. The messages to be presented

and the method of presenting them have also to be studied as thoroughly as possible. Ordinary contacts made in the daily intercourse of life must be cultivated as growing friendships. Then regular visits must be planned rather than making haphazard attacks, realizing fully that love is won by repeated and regularly sustained approaches. We have not only to win the love, but also to keep the love. Each congregation must have the list of those who are willing thus to take part in the work of witnessing, and the list of those whom their members are visiting and witnessing to. Inviting friends to their homes for social contacts and sharing religious experiences also will be a fruitful means to witness. The congregations must uphold all these efforts in prayer before the Throne of Grace.

By arranging Gospel Teams to visit churches, by circulating news of efforts made in various places, by supplying preparatory Biblical and other study material, and by suggesting helpful pamphlets and other aids, and in many such other ways, the N.M.S. can help and co-ordinate the work of the churches in this task of leading people to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, and to make them effective witnesses.

It is also good to remind ourselves that witness and service go together. Opportunities for service are growing at a pace not known before in our country. Humanitarian service and relief work previously carried on mainly by Christian Missionary bodies are being taken up on national scale, expending great amounts of money, with the view to build up a welfare state. While Christians rejoice in this, they should not be merely standing by when great nation-building activities and service projects are going on. They should take their full share of responsibility in these, and co-operate for the good of all, as worthy citizens of the mother land. At the same time, we have to remember that only the love of Christ can be redeeming and forgiving in the midst of all attempts on the part of man to do good, and save him from pride and despondency-pride at the feeling of elation in doing good, and despondency at the presence of evil in and around him. Seeing clearly the judgment of God on all human pride and self-righteousness, in the Cross of Jesus Christ, the Christian can trust in Christ's redemptive grace for cleansing and renewal, and serve others in gratitude for the love extended to him who is utterly undeserving.

Secondly, in the Evangelistic work among those outside the Church, the N. M. S. has an increased responsibility in these days. With the resurgence of national aspirations all over the East, the work of Western Missionaries has been viewed with disfavour, as it has been associated in the minds of people with the political and economic domination that the West had for many years in these countries. The growing opposition to the work of Western Missionaries makes it necessary for Indian personnel to do also the work that they have been doing till now. Even before the opposition has been increasing, it was felt by the N. M. S. that the evangelization of India is to be done mainly by Indian Workers. The changed circumstances to-day, only bear testimoney to the wisdom and foresight that the founders of the N. M. S. had under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The N. M. S. has a two-fold responsibility in the work among those outside the churches. Most of the churches in India to-day have their own Missionary bodies, working in different places in India. The N. M. S. can help by co-ordinating and guiding these endeavours. Again, at the last All India Council meetings held in Calcutta in 1955, it was decided to hand over the work that it has been doing in areas where there are established churches, to those churches for their pastoral and supervisory care so that the N. M. S. can pioneer in new fields. Let us thank God that during this year, new work has been started on the Javadi Hills. Also a group is preparing to start work in Puri. The Christian Ashram which was working there for many years came to a stop with the demise of its founder. The N. M. S. is planning to carry on the work in this place of great evangelistic need and possibilities. The decision to start work in Butwol, in Nepal, has been placed before the friends of the N. M. S. already for their earnest prayers. Miss K. Sircar, our Associate General Secretary, is offering her services as a Missionary to Nepal, with a group of devoted and experienced workers. Thus, in addition to the work already done directly under the supervision of the N. M. S. at Jayapuram, Katteri, the N. Kanara fields and the Lutheran fields, these new places are offering fresh opportunities and challenges to the church in India.

It has been generally agreed that one of the main patterns of approach for the work must be along the Indian pattern of the Ashram, where people live the religious life in

fellowship and discipline under the leadership of a Guru. In the Christian Ashram, Christ is the Guru, and all are His chelas, learning from Him and growing together, worshipping and working in His love. Renunciation is to be evidenced in the joyful acceptance of simplicity in daily life. Voluntary service receiving the meagre necessities for healthy living, is to be the rule, along with discipline in hours of prayer, worship and work. Living thus and serving the community around and witnessing to the redeeming love of Christ, we can take Christ's message of the Kingdom of God to the villages of India and beyond. Christian service can be rendered through all the available means, medical help, educational work, rural uplift measures, etc. Christ's message of hope to the hopeless can be made known, and thus the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness unto His marvellous light can be be shown forth.

For this, we need the dedicated services of hundreds of men and women, who are prepared to accept this way of life. They must have the necessary training. Our Christian Colleges and Schools, Bible Schools and Theological Institutions should supply men with this vision. Men trained in evangelism, in medical work, agriculture, rural service, literacy work and in various other useful fields must come forward to go and serve in the villages, living in communities on sacrificial, voluntary basis. Parents and churches must encourage young people to take this decision. Mothers can dedicate their children and thus help them to come to such decisions themselves as they grow up. Our teen-agers must be tackled and brought to decisions during the period of their adolescence through Christian Schools, Sunday Schools, Youth Groups, and other means. They must also be told of such work, taken to visit such centres, and given something to do towards helping the work of such Ashrams. And as they grow up, they can make the decision for themselves, and go for the right training necessary for service at such centres. The Rural Christian Service Fellowship Camps have rendered great help in this line. Let us plan more of these, so that we can get the necessary personnel for the growing work.

Along with men, we need money, land, buildings and equipment. Too much interest in institutions may be a hindrance rather than a help. But while being conscious of

this danger, and guarding ourselves against it, we need to work through them also. If the Christians in India learn to dedicate their tithes for the Lord's work, the growing needs can be met with Indian money. In this connection it has to be remembered that the N. M. S. is still labouring under the heavy burden of an unresolved debt. We have cause to be grateful to God for the untiring endeavours of the Secretaries that have succeeded to bring down the debt from Rs. 34,000/- to Rs. 22,500/- during the last one year; and for all the strict measures adopted now to wipe out this burden and shame. Let us pray that we be freed of this soon, and that we may go forward in faith and hope. It is again a matter for thanksgiving that some of the workers for the new work taken up this year have been offered to be supported by different groups of praying friends. May many more such groups rise in different places to support the workers by their prayer-borne gifts and thank-offerings.

This brings us to the greatest need of all, for groups of praying friends, all over the country. We have to wait on the Lord from whom alone all inspiration, strength and help comes. And we have the promise that they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. The opportunities before us are great, and the possibilities also are great. But those who pray in faith are few. That is why labourers also are few. May thousands of groups of praying friends be organized all over the country, so that we may receive from God His Spirit in might and power to be His effective witnesses in these days of great changes in our land.

Prayer and work are two sides of the same coin. They pray best who serve best. Service without prayer lacks driving power; prayer without service is often unreal. So let us wait in prayer, receive power from on High and go forth and witness to the new life and joy in Christ our Lord.

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NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA, UTTAR PRADESH AREA.

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A CLARION CALL

Dear Friend,

In December 1905, 14 Spirit-filled young men from India, Burma and Ceylon, having had a vision of a free India, met at Serampore (Bengal) and founded the National Missionary Society to play the part of the Evangelistic Wing of the Indian Church. The Founders envisaged an independent India in which the nationals would play an increasing part. The main object of the Society was, therefore, to evangelise unoccupied fields in India and adjacent countries and to lay on Indians the burden of responsibility for the evangelisation of their own country and neighbouring lands. The gathering which was unique experienced the presence of the LORD in their midst and on HIM was laid the foundation for an indigenous Missionary Movement uniting all the Christians of INDIA, BURMA and CEYLON.

Your Society is at present caring for 14 'FIELDS' which had not been occupied under the foreign Missionary Enterprise. The 15th 'FIELD' at Butwal in Nepal is about to be opened on voluntary Fellowship basis, and we are grateful to God for giving the N. M. S. this foreign FIELD in Nepal, after the Golen Jubilee which was celebrated in October 1955. The ideal and vision of Sadhu Sunder Singh will soon be realised. He wished the N. M. S. to carry the Gospel to Nepal and Tibet which had closed doors to the MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL during his life-time. Efforts of the Society are under way for still another 'FIELD' in West Balipara to the east of Bhutan in which area only the Nationals are permitted to enter.

Sri C. P. Michael has given a few statistics in the National Missionary Intelligencer for June 1957 which should open the eyes of the Faithful in the Lord. The unevangelised areas of India have populations numbering about 38,808,983. The Gospel of Christ has not reached these outlying areas, nor to the unoccupied parts of districts and cities which are

supposed to be covered by the local churches because of their indifferent attitude to the main function of the Church which is Evangelisation. Repeated appeals to the Churches and Evangelical Groups remain to be responded to, but we have confidence that the LORD of the HARVEST knows His co-labourers who would answer His summons in time.

Friend, THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF, who has redeemed you by shedding His own Blood on the Cross of Calvary expects you to make Him as your FIRST LOVE and to dedicate yourself anew for work in HIS GREAT VINEYARD. If you cannot personally carry out the LORD'S last injunction, "GO YE AND PREACH THE GOSPEL", will you give your helping hand to those Saints in the LORD who have thrown themselves heart and soul into the struggle for the cause of Christ?

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July, 1957.

(Kumari) M. M. SINGH,
Hony. Secretary,
National Missionary Society,
Uttar Pradesh Area.

N. M. S. AUXILIARY, TRIVANDRUM

About two years back the N. M. S. auxiliary in Trivandrum turned on a new leaf. It shook off its period of inactivity and began to function more vigorously.

Ever since, prayer meetings are held on the first Sunday of every month. The city is divided into different sections and each member is entrusted with the collection of money from one section. As a result we are now able to support the work of the N. M. S. by sending a small sum periodically to the headquarters and also to support an evangelist in the new missionary field at Javadi Hills by sending Rs. 50/- per month.

Dr. A. C. Abraham, the present Honorary General Secretary of the N. M. S. and Sri Balasingam Satya of Madras N. M. S. Auxiliary, were kind enough to come over here on 11th June 1957. During their short stay here they very enthusiastically went round and visited many of the important members of this auxiliary and strengthened them. On the evening of 12th June 1957, the committee members and some other interested persons gathered together at the Christ Church, Trivandrum and our honoured guests spoke to us touchingly of the present situation, the new enterprises and the pressing needs of the Society. Special mention was made of the proposed clinic at Javadi hills and the present activities in the new fields.

Their visit was a great source of encouragement to the members of this auxiliary and we hope that the glorious gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ would be spread in tho-new fields throughout India as a result of the enthusiasm and goodwill of our new Honorary General Secretary.

I. PAUL,
N.M.S. Branch Secretary,
Tiruvandrum.

N. M. S. FRIENDS IN JUBBALPORE

Though a regular N. M. S. Branch is not functioning in Jubbalpore, we are glad to inform friends that a number of highly placed Christian officials have been regularly sending their support by way of donations and subscriptions to the office. The initiative was taken by Mr. Cornelius and Mr. M. A. Chelliah who collect contributions and send them to the Headquarters regularly.

Our North India Organising Secretary Mr. A. V. Singh will shortly visit Jubbalpore and start a regular Branch of the Society there for the Christian friends to meet for prayer and fellowship. The N. M. S. sends its hearty greetings to its friends and well-wishers at Jubbalpore. May the Lord bless them abundantly.

MUNNAR BRANCH NEWS

Further to my letter dated 31st July 1957 I beg to inform you that 18 Tea Estates were visited on 5th and 6th August by us. On the 1st day Mr. Sobanam accompanied me and on the 2nd day Mr. George (Joint Secretary) helped me. We met most of the Estate Managers, Office and Factory Staff. A good sum was collected in cash and a big amount was promised by our friends which will be collected within a very reasonable time.

We travelled more than 150 miles by taxi covered with hair pin bends above 8,000 ft. sea level and places of 150–300 inches rain fall per year without any mishap. Even though this is our heavy monsoon month, to our surprise both these

days were free from showers and we enjoyed a sunny weather throughout.

Really, our trip was blessed and I am sure that our Treasurer will make-up the deficit within a short time. Hope your Treasurer might have received a cheque for Rs. 400/- by this time from Mr. Sobanam. Please remember us in your prayers as we do.

VICTOR REGINALD,
Hon. Secretary.

SHAHDOL MEDICAL WORK

The N.M.S. Executive that was in session at Tirupattur Ashram on March 30 and 31 adopted the following Minute :

> "*Minute No. 38 :* Copies of the report on N.M.S. work in Mid-India Lutheran Fields were distributed to the members of the Executive Committee. The Rev. J. D. Asirvadam reported on the long planned medical work at Shahdol, now ready to be started from 1st June 1957 in rented buildings, and that the medical missionary, Dr. Ramabai Gopal, M.B., B.S., D.O., would be accompanied by her sister, Miss A. S. Gopal (Nursing Superintendent, Augustana Hospital, Bhimavaram, West Godavery District). For recurring expenses, monthly subscriptions from new members were solicited from supporting Churches, but for non-recurring expenses, a wider appeal needed to be made.
>
> The Executive received the report with much satisfaction and RESOLVED to accept the proposal to start the medical work at Shahdol in June 1957 and to endorse the appeal to raise the money needed for this important medical work which would open the way for an expanding evangelistic work, both among Hindus and Adivasis throughout the Shahdol District."

Our missionaries like Rev. S. Gnanabaranam are convinced that this medical work is essential for a successful Christian witness in the area. The Lord has from early years prepared Miss Ramabai for this most important

ministry in Mid-India. Her father was a devout N. M. S. member from 1906, and this missionary interest has been kept alive and strengthened through many years, and we praise the Lord that two daughters from the godly home of late Rev. C. R. Gopal of Guntur are initiating this significant medical ministry in this needy area so far unreached by the gospel message,

This is the largest medical venture our Society is undertaking in a field for whose evangelisation our Society is responsible, in this case through the Lutheran Churches which since 1916 have accepted the N. M. S. organisation as its missionary agency.

The expenditure for this venture of faith will be so large that the parent body which backs up this project warmly commends the appeal especially for non-recurring expenses to N. M. S. friends beyond the confines of the supporting Churches.

Hyderabad,
13–7–1957.

A. C. ABRAHAM,
General Secretary, N.M.S.

N. M. S. GOSPEL TEAM

An N. M. S. Gospel Team consisting of three South Indian leaders will be visiting Delhi, the U. P. and a few places of the Punjab during the end of September, October and part of November 1957. The three leaders are Dr. A. C. Abraham, our Hon. General Secretary, Dr. S. Jesudason of Christu-kula Ashram and Mr. C. P. Michael, member of the Executive Committee.

We are sorry that owing to very poor response from the Punjab, only one member of the Team will visit one or two cities only. Prof. E. H. Banerji of Jullundur is kindly helping us to make arrangements in the Punjab.

Miss M. M. Singh, Area Secretary, N. M. S., Uttar Pradesh has worked hard to prepare the ground in the cities of U. P. and she is receiving co-operation and encouraging response from many of the important centres in the U. P.

Our N. India Organising Secretary Mr. A. V. Singh is arranging for their programme in Delhi with the help of local N. M. S. leaders.

The object of the Gospel Team is to inspire and rouse the Christians of the North to feel the great challenge of evangelistic work opening up before the N. M. S.

We know that the work of the Team can only be successful when there is great preparation through prayer before, during and after their visits to each city. We therefore beg all our friends to uphold the Team members and leaders and Secretaries who are taking great pains to enlist the help and support of Christians in the churches, institutions and homes of North India.

Their itinerary is not yet finalised, the full details will be given in a later issue of the N. M. I.

We beg to enlist the prayers of all our friends that God's rich blessing may rest upon the Team and on all responsible for their programme in each city, and that the Holy Spirit may guide and inspire all.

ITINERARY OF THE SOUTH INDIA GOSPEL TEAM IN UTTAR PRADESH

FROM

October 25 to November 15, 1957

DELHI TO MEERUT—	October 25, 1957.	
HALT AT MEERUT—	,,	26 to 27, 1957 (Dr. A. C. Abraham to visit Khatauli on October 27, 1957).
MEERUT TO AGRA—	,,	28, 1957.
HALT AT AGRA—	,,	29 and 30, 1957.
AGRA TO KANPUR—	,,	31, 1957.
HALT AT KANPUR—	November 1 and 2, 1957.	
KANPUR TO LUCKNOW—	,,	2, 1957 (Late evening train).
HALT AT LUCKNOW—	,,	3 to 5, 1957 (Dr. A. C. Abraham to go to Gonda on November 5, 1957).

LUCKNOW TO VARANALI—	November 6, 1957.
HALT AT VARANASI—	„ 7 and 8, 1957.
VARANASI TO ALLAHABAD—	„ 9, 1957.
HALT AT ALLAHABAD—	„ 10 to 12, 1957.
ALLAHABAD TO JHANSI—	„ 13, 1957.
HALT AT JHANSI—	„ 14, 1957.
DEPARTURE FOR THE SOUTH—	„ 15, 1957.

(KUMARI) M. M. SINGH
Hony. Secretary,
National Missionary Society,
U. P. Area.

ORGANISING SECRETARY'S VISIT TO TRICHY

Trichy was fortunate to have Miss E. L. Joshua, Organising Secretary of the N. M. S. with us for a few days in July. During her short stay among us, she was able to visit many homes, meet some of the prominent people and address some meetings.

During the United Women's Fellowship held at Christ Church, Fort, Miss Joshua gave an inspiring talk to "Place of thanksgiving in Christian life". She emphasized giving tithes to God. About 75 women from various Churches attended the meeting.

Then Miss Joshua spoke at St. Paul's Church, Woriur on Sunday evening. She gave us facts about N. M. S. with special reference to the new fields of work at Javadhi Hills and Nepal and about the sacrifice of many young men and women. She brought forth the responsibility of the Church in the evangelisation of India, and stressed the need to support the N. M. S. in addition to the lacal Diocesan missionary work carried on by each Church and Diocese.

One evening a public meeting was arranged at Dr. Mathuram's Hall with Canon Koilpillai in the Chair. Many friends interested in missionary work came from various

churches. About 48 women and 25 men attended it. There again she gave us an inspiring talk and opened our eyes towards the work carried on by the N. M. S. Many were touched by the talk and were willing to pray and give a monthly subscription. The old secretaries of the local branch, Messrs. G. T. Williams and P. K. Monsingh, resigned as the former was going to America and the latter was ill. Hence Sister Jane Moses and Ebenezer Devanbu were elected joint secretarles in their places. The other old members continiue to be on the committee.

Miss Joshua also addressed the Training Students of All Saint's School and a Women's Fellowship meeting at St. Peter's at Golden Rock. So in spite of her weak health of 'Flu' Miss Joshua was able to go about and put in a new life in the hearts of the Christians. We do hope and pray that the Christians of Trichinopoly will rise up with vigour and take an active part in the missionary work of India. May God bless the N. M. S. and its work.

MRS. J. ARULIAH,
Woriur.

THE RE-ORGANISED N. M. S. COMMITTEE TRICHY

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Do you wish to help us? Say,
Yes, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

THE KAMAREDDY HOME MISSION, MEDAK DIOCESE

(The Church of South India)

The Kamareddy Laymen's Movement was formed in the year 1948 after the visit of some of the laymen to the first Synod of the Church of South India which was held in Madurai in 1948. The object of the Movement was to promote active interest in Church leadership.

To this Movement came the Macedonian call in 1949 to undertake the responsibility of the evangelisation of Kamareddy and the villages situated in a radius of 7 miles. This area is a part of the unevangelised portion in Medak Diocese. The Laymen accepted the challenge and submitted to the Medak Diocese a four dimension plan and got its approval in 1951, when a superintending evangelist and one junior evangelist were appointed to Kamareddy. The preliminary work of the two evangelists received good response in some of the villages visited by them.

In 1952, a fully ordained presbyter was appointed and the superintending evangelist was replaced by a second junior evangelist. One evangelist was posted in Tadwai village and the other in Vadloor. The two evangelists worked under the guidance and supervision of the presbyter who resided in the Mission Farm Compound at Kamareddy.

In the year 1953, Tadwai village yielded the first fruit of the labour. 153 people were baptised by the Bishop in Medak. Adult literacy classes and a school for poor village children are conducted by the evangelist's wife. Two young men from this village attended the Voluntary Church Worker's course at Wadiaram. Some of the young men and women read the Bible and take evening worship. The evangelist at Vadloor has prepared a group of intelligent young people for baptism which may take place very soon. He also conducts daily worship for non-Christians and has a class for the adults and children.

Meanwhile new and effectual doors were opened in Kamareddy Town and three orther villages—Rangampet, Israjada and Rajampet. In Kamareddy town, with the help of a recent convert, a daily wage-earner by name Yesudass 15 people were baptized. This little flock meets daily in Yesudass' house for evening worship and is a great witness to their neighbours. In Rangampet one family of washerman caste and in Israjada one Reddy woman were baptized in Israjada village before the people.

In the Home Mission area there are now 181 converts and we hope that more will be added this year from Vadloor and other villages. There is a chapel in the Mission Farm Compound and it is full on Sunday morning services. The Medak Diocese has started a Basic Training School in the Mission Compound and in Vadloor village "The Emily Cornelius Trust Fund" has laid the foundation for the construction of a Basic School. Both these schools will be of immense help to the new converts of the Home Mission. The Medak Diocese has also a programme of Economic Development in Kamareddy Area. The Laymen's Movement welcome the project and will be glad to give their full co-operation.

The Kamareddy Home Mission is entirely supported by the Laymen's Movement and the Women's Auxiliary is the backbone of this Movement. The annual budget of the

Home Mission is Rs. 3,500/- We hope to have the third evangelist this year.

We appeal to you for your prayer, personal service and your financial support to meet the increasing demands of the Home Mission.

"Come over into Kamareddy and help us."

A. C. ABRAHAM,
Secretary,
Laymen's Movement,
Medak Diocese.

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The Administrative Secretary,
India Sunday School Union,
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PRAYER TOPICS.

Thanks giving :

Let us thanks God

for the success of the Madras, Ladies Auxilary. N.M.S. Sale and the interest it has created among the friends of the N. M. S. in the city ;

for the good response we received to our appeal for work in Jawadi Hills and for the starting of Women's Fellowship at Puram :

for enabling the friends of the N. M. S. at Delhi to hold the N. M. S. Executive Committee at Delhi ;

for the offer of service of Mr. & Mrs. Sam John and Miss K. Sircar for our work in Nepal.

Let us pray :

for God's guidance in the deliberations at the Executive Committee meeting at Delhi, between 21st and 23rd September.

for guidance on matters relating to evangelistic work in Jawadi Hills and Nepal ;

for God's blessing on the Gospel Team which will be visiting Delhi and other places in N. India ;

for Miss E. L. Joshua who is ont our in the South, that the branches may be strengthened by her visits ;

for Mr. A. V. Singh, N. I. Organising Secretary touring in the North ;

for the N. M. S. Sunday arrangements and Anniversary Meeting during the second week of October ;

for the groups of friends who will be joining in the Prayer Vigil during the N. M. S. Week of Prayer.

N. M. S. WEEK OF PRAYER—6th to 13th Oct 1957.
Day of Prayer ... Sunday, the 13th Oct.

Copies of the Call to Prayer can be had from the following :—

Hindi ... MissM.M. Singh, 170 (1), Nurullah Road, Allahabad.

Kanarese... Mr. J. Amoda
Vas Lane, Mangalore 2.

Telugu ... Dr. A. C. Abraham, Hon. General Secretary N. M. S. Hughes Town, Hyderabad Dn.

English and Tamil ... N. M. S. Office, Royapettah, Madras.

The Churches and Christian institutions in India are requested to observe the Week and Day of Prayer. Collections on the Day of Prayer may kindly be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, N. M. S. House, Royapettah, Madras.

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"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"
"and lo, I am with you alway,
even unto the end of the world—*Amen.*"

PRAYER CHART.

Last year we tried to observe a whole week of unbroken prayer chain in our N. M. S. Week of Prayer. Madras, our Headquarters city, set the lead by taking periods of two hours on the first Sunday in the week. We were happy to secure promises from praying groups in the city. We learnt later that these hours were faithfully observed, by day and night.

Our missionaries on the fields were requested to share in the vigil, one day a week, in the following days; dividing the day and night in one hour or two hourly periods among workers and staffs of school and church members. Some wrote and informed us that the day of unbroken prayer had brought much blessing to their fields.

We are again seeking to observe a whole Week of Prayer Chain and call upon as many as can, to strengthen the chain, specially in the night watches.

The last Sunday in the week is for open-air witnessing. In Madras city last year we met with good response in volunteers to give witness and in people who listened to them. We beg our missionaries to organise such public witnessing and procession.

We feel led to believe that now strength and power is coming to our Society through the deep channel of united prayer, prayer cells and hidden and unknwn individual prayers. Please help us in the week October 6th to 13th.

Note.—When articles in the *National Missionary Intelligencer* are an expression of the policy or view of the Society as represented by its All India Council or Executive Committee, this fact will be made clear. In all other instances the writer of the paper is responsible for the opinion expressed. The Editorial notes, if any, present the opinion of the Editor alone. *K. S.*

N. M. S. LADIES' ANXILIARY ANNUAL SALE.

The annual Sale of the Ladies' Auxiliary was held at the Balar Kalvi Nilayam (Nursery School), Vepery, Madras on the 10th August 1957. Mrs. Tampoe presided over the opening meeting. After prayer by Dr. A. C. Abraham, the Hon. General Secretary of the N.M.S., the report of the work at Puram was read by Miss H. Stephen, Hon. Secretary of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Mrs. Tampoe the Chairman made a strong appeal to Indian Christians to support the Missionary Organizations such as the N.M.S., as they should obey the command of the Master to spread the good news. Then Mrs. V. P. Cherian declared the Sale open, after appreciating the work done by the Society, and appealing to friends for support with prayer and gifts.

Mrs. Cherian then went through the different stalls and made purchases. Special music was rendered by Satya Brothers which was greatly appreciated.

There were Side-shows and Merry-go-round which the children enjoyed very much.

We are thankful to our friends for coming to the Sale in such large numbers and making purchases and the Sale was a great success. We realised by the Sale about Rs, 2500/-.

Our grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Thambiah, the President of the Auxiliary, and to all the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and all those who worked in the different stalls and for their honorary work and support to such a good cause.

The Statement of accounts of the Sale will published.

BISHOP AZARIAH DAY.

On the 17th of August 1957 at 6 P.M. the N. M. S. Headquarters observed Bishop Azariah Day. The meeting took place at the Y.M.C.A., Vepery, Madras. A fairly large numbar of friends of the N. M. S. gathered to pay their respects to the memory of the departed leader. Rev. Arul Thangiah was the Chirman of the meeting and Rev. S. Paramanandam and Mrs. Ruby Lionel, were the speakers. They spoke on the life and work of the late revered Bishop.

The Chairman reminded the audience that Christians should remember with gratitude and thank God for the lives of great Indian Christians whose example they could follow.

In 1905 Bishop Azariah was one of the Founders of the National Missionary Society, and was also its General Secretary for some years. From his boyhood his chief object was to spread the Good News far and near. He was also the Founder of the Indian Missionary Society of Tinnevelly which had been started two years prior to the N. M. S. He was the first missionory to go to Dornakal where he laboured hard for the conversion of many in that area. Later on he became the first Indian Bishop of the Diocese.

The audience was entertained by the Lutheran Orchestra which rendered many lyrics in an indigenous form. And the songs were very much appreciated.

Then the Chairman appealed to the audience for their taking a deep interest in evangelistic work and helping the organizations such as the N.M.S., not only by prayer but by contributions, as at this time western help was gradually decreasing.

With benediction the meeting ended.

MY VISIT TO THE SAT TAL ASHRAM (II) *(Contd.)*

In my last article I gave the origin and general background of the Sat Tal Ashram. In this one I propose to give the daily programme of the Ashram :—

Rising Bell	...	6 a.m.
Washing and getting ready	...	6—6-25 a.m.
Corporate silent devotion	...	6-30—7-15 a.m.
Breakfast	...	7-30—8 a.m.
Manual work period	...	8-20—9-20 a.m.
Bible study with the Acharya	...	9-30—10-30 a.m.
Lecture or group meetings	...	10-35—11-35 a.m.
Lunch	...	11-45—12-15 noon
Rest, bathing on the lake, writing letters and reading	...	12-15—3-30 p.m.
Afternoon tea	...	3-30—3-50 p.m.
Games	...	3-50—5-15 p.m.
Vespers by the lake side	...	5-30—6-45 p.m.
Dinner	...	7-15—8 p.m.
Special meetings and free-evenings	...	8—9 p m.
Lights out	...	9-30 p.m.

Great stress is laid on discipline, which means punctuality, regularity and utilizing every fleeting moment usefully. The Acharya of the Ashram—Dr. Stanley Jones is a great disciplinarian, who rules by love and teaches discipline more by example than precept—himself leading a most disciplined life, following in the footsteps of the Master. This is a great lesson and if the members of our churches, our evangelists, missionaries, teachers and others learnt this lesson of disciplined life, the message of the Gospel will soon be preached in every corner of this land.

The "Corporate silent devotion" is a combination of individual and congregational worship. In the first half of this period every one waits on the Lord and meditates in silence, and in the latter half every one shares his or her experience and blessing with others. After the service we walk in files of two from the chapel to the Ashram (a short distance) singing a hymn—Acharya leading the procession. It is a grand sight and a source of inspiration and strength for the day. In—front of the Ashram the processionists form themselves in a circle and before taking their breakfast they break their silence which every Ashramite is required to observe from 9-30 p.m. till breakfast the next morning, by wishing each other 'good morning' by the slogan "Jesus is Lord".

The "Manual work period" teaches the dignity of labour. Every one takes part according to his or her capacity. It is inspiring to see people like the Archdeacon and Bishop to do their share of the work. Our Lord laboured in the carpenter's workshop and thus taught us to work with our hands and honour manual labour. In our evangelistic work better impression will be created on those amongst whom we labour, if we evangelists and church leaders learnt this lesson and practise it more in our daily lives.

In the period of "Bible Study with the Acharya" Dr. Stanley Jones took us through his new book "Christian Maturity" which is in the press and will soon be out. This was a deep study and Dr. Jones—himself a mature Christian showed us the steps of the ladder to climb up to christian maturity. Some members used to put questions in the middle and at times lively discussion followed. We learnt many lessons at these meetings and many grew more mature in their Christian faith and life.

The second period—"Lectures or group meetings" was more intellectual nature and all took part in discussions and learnt from each other, whether the whole group was lead by one lecturer or broke into different smaller groups.

The evening services—"Vespers by the lake side"—are most elevating. The Panna lake at the side of which these meetings are held is a short distance from the Ashram—about half a mile. The Acharya sits on a raised ground against a small stone and we all sit in front of him in semi circles—facing a white stone cross erected at the foot of the hill on the opposite side of the lake. The cross adds to the scenic beauty of the place and helps in creating an atmosphere of devotion. The sermons delivered by the Acharya are spiritually as deep as the Panna lake and intellectually as high as the sorrounding hills. They are listened to with rapt attention and prove a source of great blessing to the listeners—most of whom dedicate or rededicate their lives for the service of the Master. These services by the lake side remind one of our Lord's ministry by the sea of Galilee.

The "special meetings" after dinner are held in the drawing room of the Ashram and are more homely in nature. At these meetings different speakers—like the All India Organising Secretary of Bharat Sevak Samaj—Shri Ramchandra from Delhi—and others are invited to address the group. It was at one of these meetings that I was given an opportunity to speak and appeal on behalf of the N.M.S. The text of my talk I propose to give in the next issue of the N.M.I.

Every Sunday morning we had Communion Service in the chapel in which all Ashramites and others representing different denominations participated. One Sunday Bishop Alexander Mar Theophilus—(a keen supporter of the N.M.S.)—commemorated the Holy Communion according to the customs and rituals of his ancient Syrian Church. To join this service was a soul uplifting experience for most of us. This demonstrated the basic unity of the Church of Christ in India in spite of outward diversity. For our Sunday evening services we attended the Methodist Church at a distance of about a mile from the Ashram. One Sunday evening in this Church—which was packed to capacity—Bishop Alexander Mar Theophilus gave the message, and at the close of his sermon made a fervent appeal on behalf of

the N.M.S. exhorting the members of the congregation to help the cause of the N.M.S. in every possible way. It is hoped that this appeal from the Bishop went home and won a place for the N.M.S. in the hearts of many of those who listened to it, and will bear fruits in days to come.

(To be continued)

A. V. SINGH,
Hon. Organising Secretary, N. I.

Dear Friends,

It is a very long time since I got into personal touch with you through a letter. When we got our new General Secretary, I thought it was his privilege to send you his greetings and messages from time to time.

I should like to make a few points clear, now that I am laying down my duties as Hon. Associate General Secretary.

When I came to our Headquarters at Madras in April 1956, I undertook to do two things. The first was to find a permanent General Secretary, the second to clear our large and longstanding deficit of over Rs. 33,000/-. Both these Herculean tasks were undertaken in perfect faith in our Heavenly Father and His Son our Lord Jesus Christ and His promise. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you," "Your Heavenly Father knoweth ye have need of all these things," these are very real and practical day-to-day promises. I have proved them to be true in daily living for the past 25 years.

I also relied on your cooperation and help. Let me thank you and say that you have all shared wonderfully our burden and enabled our Society to bring down the deficit by Rs. 12,000/- in one and a half years. This is no small achievement, but let us not forget that we still have to clear off Rs 22,500/-. Why then have I not fulfilled my task ? That is what I must now share with you.

When we found Dr. A. C. Abraham, retired Chief Malarial Officer of Hyderabad, to become our Hon. General

Secretary, my heart was full of thanksgiving and praise to our Heavenly Father. Dr. Abraham has discharged his duties with outstanding courage, energy and evangelistic zeal. I am confident that the leadership of our Missionary Society is in strong, capable, and consecrated hands. It has been my joy and privilege to be associated with him, and with our Hon. Office Secretary Mr. S. Deva Prasad, for the past year. Mr. Deva Prasad offered his services to our Society when we were hard-pressed, after the resignation of Dr. Isaiah Peter. Mr. Deva Prasad has worked quietly, unassumingly and with great efficiency at our Head-quarters.

One of the first great achievements of our Hon. General Secretary, our Office Secretary, our Hon. Treasurer and their expert advisor Mr. V. M. Philip of the Diocesan Press, was to put our N. M. S. Press into a sound position, transforming it from a liability into an asset. We are now getting Rs. 150/- p.m. by giving the Press on a lease for a trial period of three years.

The residential part of our N. M. S. House is now rented out at Rs. 50/-p.m. By having three Secretaries on an honorary basis, we have reduced the salaries by about Rs. 130/- p.m. We dispensed with the services of a part-time office clerk saving another Rs. 40/- per month. Thus we have reduced the Head-quarters budget by Rs. 4,440/- per annum.

Our income is increasing steadily as our members and friends realise that solid and steady work is being carried on by our missionaries in the fields, and new fields are being selected for additional work. It became increasingly clear to us as a Team at Head-quarters, that our constituency desired to see expansion of work undertaken at an early date.

Apart from that, we at the office, and our Members of the Standing and Executive Committees, felt strongly that we dare not delay any longer when new doors for evangelistic work were being opened, and the National Missionary Society was being requested to undertake work that could only be shouldered by national missionaries and evangelists. Work in tribal areas, hill areas, Assam border, Jawadi Hills, Tirupattur and Puram villages, Puri Ashram and Nepal were all beckoning to us. Dare we wait to clear our deficit before launching forth into new unoccupied, unevangelised areas ?

With absolute faith in the Lord of the Harvest calling forth His own labourers into fields ready for harvest, we undertook to launch forth our Forward Evangelistic Programme. We boldly appealed for 12 evangelists for Jawadi and Tirupattur fields; 4 for Puri Ashram; 6 for Nepal. The Lutheran Churches are appealing for doctors, nurses, evangelists and hospital buildings for expansion of our work in M.P. and Assam border in our N.M.S. fields. Our General Secretary has added a strong voice to their appeal to all the churches for support and prayer.

We are thrilled and encouraged by the good response we are getting. Already 6 out of the 12 evangelists for Jawadi and Tirupattur fields are provided for, by branches or individuals or groups of friends. We look to the day when more branches and churches will come forward to be responsible for one new evangelist each.

Our new evangelistic work is to be undertaken on Voluntary, Evangelistic Fellowship basis, more in lines with our ancient indigenous cultural and spiritual heritage, non-salaried work with simple sacrificial needs provided for, on a family basis of life. We would like to recapture the apostolic pattern of missionary work as free children of a loving Father working out of a dynamic and creative motive of love, and not of wages, as true sons and daughters of a loving Father and not as paid servants. There is a wealth of difference in the quality and quantity of service when the approach of money is sublimated. We find this in our Ashrams and the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association. The N. M. S. is slowly coming to its own.

We have worked out a simple budget of Rs. 50/. p. m. per evangelist on a voluntary fellowship basis. We are asking branches to undertake the maintenance of one evangelist at Rs. 600/- per annum. The response has been very good so far.

Nepal is an all-India venture, our Golden Jubilee Thankoffering, and a promise made to Sadhu Sunder Singh to follow up his work. It is the first foreign field of our Society. Missionaries and evangelists from North and South, East and West of Bharat are being invited to share in this work. A nucleus of three honorary missionaries hope

to begin work on fellowship basis at *Butwol* in October 1957; young evangelists are being trained to join them at a later date.

The U. P. Area Committee has undertaken to raise Rs. 5000/- a year for Nepal work. We hope Bihar, Punjab and Bengal will also soon help with personnel and funds.

The U. P. Area Committee is the first in the field with two missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Sam John, veteran N. M. S. workers of the U. P. area for several years.

I am laying down my duties as Hon. Associate General Secretary, in order to be free to offer myself as a missionary to Nepal, in the Butwol fellowship in October. I now feel free to leave the South. I am confident that work at Headquarters and in the South is in very able and faithful hands under Mr. Deva Prasad, assisted by Miss Joshua, our full-time Secretary who tours among churches and organises branches, helped by the voluntary services of Mr. C. P. Michael.

A great deal remains to be done in the North. We hope our South Indian Gospel Team will inspire and stimulate our churches, institutions and homes in the North.

Special mention must be made of the excellent example set by the Madras Ladies' Auxiliary, in their field at Puram. They are undertaking the support of the Women's Fellowship of voluntary evangelists and missionaries, to carry forward the great work of their pioneer missionaries, the late Miss Jeyamani Taylor and Mrs. R. Chellasamy. We are getting many offers from young women evangelists, but have so far not found a senior woman missionary to be their leader and guide. Please pray, and help us to get into touch with any friends you know. We are trusting the Lord of the Harvest to select and call forth His own chosen servants. The first voluntary woman evangelist has already gone to Puram, a Malayali, who is now in training under our Nurse at Puram. Miss Aleyamma is learning Tamil and simple medical work and is a trained, consecrated evangelist. A second experienced and trained woman evangelist hopes to join our Puram fellowship in October. We are thankful to announce that a generous gift of Rs. 600/- has been received, ear-marked for the voluntary evangelistic Fellowship of

women at Puram, from a member of the Madras Ladies' Auxiliary. We hope this fund will grow.

Our Lord Jesus said, "I am *the* way, *the* truth and *the* life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." We hear so much talk these days about "all paths leading to God", all religions being equal. Let us be clear in our thinking. There is One and only One who came straight from the divine heights of God to the sinful depths of unredeemed man, in order to raise him from the brute level of life, to the human level, and from the human level to the divine. He alone drank the cup of bitterness, sin and filth of human degradation to its dregs, died upon the cross, was buried, and rose again triumphant, and proved Himself alive for 40 days to His disciples, and then ascended to His glory at the right hand of God, and ever liveth to make intercession for us. He alone is *the* Saviour of the world. No saint, prophet, martyr, avtar, has returned victorious from the tomb with the keys of hell and of death. He alone is *the way* to salvation and God; *the* fulness and embodiment of *truth*, *the* source and inspiration of all abundant *life* With such a glorious Gospel, dare we be silent, when our people of Bharat are striving in agony to find mukti. "He who hath seen Me, hath seen the Father", said our Lord. Has any other prophet, rishi, saint or avatar dared to make such an assertion and proved it by his life and works? Let us shed aside loose thinking, mistakenly called "liberal" thinking about all paths leading to God. Let us know our own Saviour in a *personal* way. Let us allow Him to transform our lives and make us true sons and daughters of a divine Father. Then only shall we be true witnesses as were the apostles of old, of a "crucified Saviour and a risen Saviour".

Then only will He say to us, "He who hath seen you, hath seen Me in my love, compassion, forgiveness, purity, beauty and power."

May He lead each one of us into this experience and enable us to share it with others.

Your sister in His service,
KOMOLINI SIRCAR.

JAVADI HILLS—TIRUPATTUR FIELD EXPANSION

Javadi is part of Eastern Ghat Mountain chains. From Katteri we have to go 22 miles by bus to reach its bottom. The height is about 3500 feet above sea level. The aborigines live in hundreds of villages on the hills and they are backward in every way. As they are cleanly cut off from the civilsed group of people, their religion is pure animism i.e., pacifying the angry deities with their periodical pujas. They are under the bondage of fear and their morality is terribly low. They suffer from various diseases without anyone to render proper medical aid. They do not know the rudiments of hygiene and are cent per cent illiterates.

Last year in July, when the North Tamil Area Committee members of the N.M.S. met at Christu-kula Ashram, it was decided to expand our Tirupattur field to Javadi. Last November, our Hony. General Secretary Dr. A. C. Abraham was taken to the hills. Ever since, he took up the matter in earnest and sent forth an appeal for workers. Four evangelists have responded to the call of God, namely Mr. & Mrs. Ezakiel, Mr. Sundaram and Mr. George. On the 20th of July 1957 they left for the hills. They are now in Kuttathur which is 20 miles away by road from the plains.

These hill tribes are now given the Gospel of Christ for the first time. Let us thank God for enabling us to reach this unoccupied area, a neglected corner. We need doctors, compounders and nurses with evangelistic zeal to work among them.

May we request our readers to hold us up by their prayers. Will our churches come forward to help us with their consecrated men and women? It is our humble suggestion that each congregation moved by the spirit of God may take up the responsibility of supporting one worker. Let His Kingdom come.

N. M. S.,
Katteri.

R. GNANADIKAM.

NEWS FROM THE MID-INDIA FIELD

1. **Kotma:** The missionary's house has now been completed and it was dedicated on September 3, 1957, the anniversary of the birth and baptism of Sadhu Sunder Singh. All our workers were gathered there and also our converts and enquirers. We are thankful to all those who contributed to the Kotma Building Fund.

2. **Karhani:** The first convert at Karhani, Sushee[l] Kumar has been appointed as evangelist to help Rev. T. Spencer. He is a Gond convert. After passing the middle school he studied for three years in the Bible School at Betul of the Madhya Pradesh Church under Principal P. Juliusson and was greatly commended by him for his devotion and suitability for the work. He is the first convert to be used as evangelist in the field. His wife is illiterate and not yet baptized. They both go to Shadol to set up their home there. They need our prayers.

Also at Karhani, Dadhuram who for many years has been avowing himself as a disciple of Christ and gathering other youngmen to read the Bible and pray to Jesus is now facing a crisis. Till now he felt that being the only son of his father he could not leave the home by taking baptism. So long as Dadhuram is not baptized his other young comrades say that they would also wait till Dadhuram takes the step. Dadhuram is now facing a very critical situation in his life and the prayers of our people would be of real help to him in this crisis. It is only the Spirit of God that could lead him to full surrender, and to find the joy of discovering the treasure of inestimable value. Your prayers are requested.

3. **Shahdol:** Dr. (Miss) Rama Bai Gopal, B.A., M.B.B.S., D.G., who has been appointed as a missionary from 1st October will be at Shahdol in the first week of October. Ward Sister Miss N. Marthamma with 8 years experience, and Staff Nurse Miss Devadanam accompany the doctor. We need a compounder to be ready to accompany the team by the end of September 1957.

We have found a house with a compound wall and we are looking forward to another new house. But we would need at least one more house to be used as a ward for in-patients, and as the work develops an additionnl building to take in more in-patients.

N. M. S. WEEK OF PRAYER. PRAYER VIGIL,

October 6—13, 1957

Days	Subjects for prayer		Prayer Groups
	Fields	Committee Members	
1. SUNDAY Oct. 6	1. Christu-kula Ashram, Tiruvattur. 2. Jawadi Hills.	1. All India Council Members. 2. Executive & Standing Committee Members. 3. Headquarters, Office & Staff, Press staff.	Madras City, with one hourly prayer groups—as per chart
2. MONDAY Oct. 7	1. Jeyapuram 2. Katteri 3. Chandrapuram.	Madras L. Aux. N. T. Area Committee Members & Branches. All N.M.S. Secretaries.	Jayapuram, Katteri, Chandrapuram.
3. TUESDAY Oct. 8	1. Ankola 2. Kumta 3. Honavar.	Mar Thoma Evangelistic Committee. Members, Branches & Churches in Kerala.	Ankola, Kumta, Honavar.
4. WEDNESDAY Oct. 9	1. Manganam Ashram 2. Ceylon N.M.S. 3. Christa Panthi Ashram, Banaras.	S. Tamil Area Committee Members & Branches. Manganam Ashram, Board of Management, Punjab, N. M. S.	Manganam Ashram & Christa Panthi Ashram, Banaras,

5. THURSDAY Oct. 10	New venture in Nepal Assam Border New Fields.	1. U. P. Area Committee Members. 2. Bihar Area Committee Members, and Branches. 3. L. Auxiliaries.	Haluaghat and Christa Prema Seva Sangh Ashram,Poona.
6. FRIDAY Oct. 11	1. Haluaghat (Calcutta) 2. Christa Prema Seva Sangh Ashram Poona.	West Bengal & Calcutta Committee Members & Branches Assam & Orissa.	Nirmal Field & Parakal Field.
7. SATURDAY Oct. 12	Nirmal Field & Parakal Field Hyderabad Dn.	Hyderabad & Andhra. Nirmal Committee Members. Parkal Committee Members, Dornakal.	N.M.S. Lutheran Fields.
8. SUNDAY Oct. 13	(Lutheran) N.M.S. Fields in Vindhya Pradesh & Madhya Pradesh.	Lutheran Church and N.M.S Committee Members. Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh & Vindhya Pradesh.	Ceylon N.M.S.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Our readers will be glad to know that Miss K. Sircar has entered Nepal. She is expecting Mr. & Mrs Sam John of Allahabad to join her by the middle of this month Your prayers are requested on their behalf. We thank the Lord for this great step.

A Women's Evangelistic Fellowship consisting of Mrs. Siluvai Thayamal and her daughter and Miss Aleyamma has been started at Puram. They will live together and work in Puram and in the villages round about among women. Let us pray that God may bless and strengthen this Fellowship so that other women who have expressed a desire to join the Fellowship may do so soon. May the two prosper this work.

Thayamal had been engaged in the evangelistic work while in Courtallam and she had been preaching God's Word in the whole of Tamilnad extending as far as Kanyakumari (Cape Comorin).

Our readers will be interested to know that our young and active missionary in Puram Mr. S Gnanasundaramani got married to Miss D. Elizabeth Sakuntala, daughter of Rev. Silas Doraisamy of Thirukalikundram. The wedding took place at K. G. F. on the 25th September. The couple have moved on to Puram and started work. A prayer meeting was held in their home during the visit of the Hon. General Secretary Dr. A. C Abraham, the Hon. Associate General Secretary Mr. S. Deva Prasad and Mr. C. P. Michael, a member of the Executive Committee. The function was attended by the teachers of the school, Dr. Rajah Savariroyan, Bro: Victor and Rev. R. Gnanadikam. We pray that God may bless the couple and wish them a very happy and prosperous home-life.

The Gospel Team visited Meerut soon after the Executive Committee meeting held at Delhi last month and Miss M. M. Singh, our Hon. Area Secretary for U. P., has arranged for the Team to visit several places in the U. P. Area at the end of October and early in November. Prayers are requested on behalf of the Team.

We are glad that the S. Tamil Area Conference met at Trivandrum on the 5th, 6th and 7th October and we understand it was a great success. Let us thank God for it.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Society was held on the 12th Oct. at the Memorial Hall, Madras. The meeting was addressed by Dr. M D. Paul, Dr. S. Estborn and Dr. Raja Savariroyan and presided over by Capt. D. Gnanavolivu. The Orchestra "Bringing Christ to the Nations" which rendered Indigenous music was greatly appreciated.

The report of the General Secretary read at the Anniversary Meeting is published elsewhere in this issue.

We request our friends and well-wishers to send interesting news with regard to observance of the N. M. S. Sunday and the evangelistic work done in their respective places.

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"and lo, I am with you alway,
even unto the end of the world—*Amen.*"

THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA

(The Bharat Christya Sevak Samaj)

Report for the period April—September 1957

The period under review is one of thanksgiving and gratitude to God and we join the Psalmist in saying with him "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name, Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits": This period not only brought in the needed money to pay our workers month by month and other expenses but was one of activity and progress in many directions.

The General Secretary escorted by two veterans of the Society Rev. J. D. Asirvadam and Mr. Balasingam Satya, was privileged to visit Tezpur in Assam, the extreme N. E. part of our country, very near the foot of the Himalayas as well as Shillong, and parts of Kerala State as far as the southernmost tip, Kanyakumari, the meeting place of the two mighty oceans. They received very warm and affectionate welcome and hospitality from friends and well-wishers of the Society. We had the pleasure of meeting our Vice-president

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Note.—When articles in the *National Missionary Intelligencer* are an expression of the policy or view of the Society as represented by its All India Council or Executive Committee, this fact will be made clear. In all other instances the writer of the paper is responsible for the opinion expressed. The Editorial notes, if any, present the opinion of the Editor alone. *K. S.*

Bishop J. Amritanand and his family, missionaries and some of the Christian leaders of Naga and Lushai tribes in Assam and in the South some of the ex-pioneer missionaries and workers of the N.M.S. and its friends: Mr. P. O. Philip, Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla, Mr. & Mrs. I. Kuriyan in Tiruvalla, Rev. & Mrs. J. E. Kesari in Trivandrum, Rev. and Mrs. V. D. Sahayam in Nagercoil and Mr. K. V. Rajan at Cape Comorin. In the few places visited by the team it was heartening to note that people still cherished love and affection for the Society in spite of its shortcomings and it needed just a little spark 'to keep the fires of the spirit burning'. For example, our short visit to Mr. & Mrs. I. Kuriyan resulted in the re-opening of the branch in Tiruvalla. Contacts were also made with individuals and branch secretaries through letters to arouse lively interest and the response has been most encouraging.

N. M. S. Press. The press was leased out from May 1957 for Rs. 150/- per month, to a non-Christian, Mr. Devamurthy who is very co-operative and helpful to the Society. A sum of Rs. 275/- was sanctioned recently to defray part of the expenses on repairs to a machine and petty repairs to the part of the building occupied by the press.

Women's Auxiliary in Madras City. The Annual Sale organised by the Women's Auxiliary was held on 10th August at the Nursery School, Vepery, when Mrs. Tampoe presided over the meeting and Mrs. P. V. Cherian opened the Sale. Mrs. Tampoe and Mrs. Cherian made a stirring appeal for the support of the Society. The Sale was well attended and a sum of Rs. 2,400/- was realised so far. The Society congratulates Dr. Mrs. S. Thambiah, President, Miss H. Stephen, Secretary and the Working Committee and thanks them for their splendid effort and achievement.

Evangelistic Efforts.

(a) **Nepal.** Miss K. Sircar, Hon. Associate General Secretary, during her visit to the North has been successful in forming a small Fellowship group for Nepal with Mr. & Mrs. Sam John. Mr. Sam John is a retired Duputy Controller of Accounts, Defence Dept. He and his wife have been recommended by the U. P. Area Committee as Hon. missionaries to Nepal and they have kindly offered to work in Nepal for 11 months from October 1957, with Miss K. Sircar. Miss

Sircar has also in view two men who will be sent for training at Sihora and Christu-kula ashrams to join the Fellowship at a later date.

We are very happy that the long desired wish for Nepal is almost fulfilled and pray for God's blessing on Miss Sircar and Mr. and Mrs. Sam John for a fruitful ministry in Nepal. The Society is also indebted to Sadhu Sunder Singh Trust for their gift of Rs. 1,200/- for Nepal work.

(b) **Javadhi Hills in N. Arcot District.** This place is 40 miles from Tirupattur and is reached partly by public transport (about 20 miles as far as Allangayam) and partly by foot. During fair weather lorries of Timber contractors go up the hills. The proprietor of Messrs. A. V. K. & Sons very generously offered to give free lift to our workers and help them in many ways. The work on the hills has been started at Kuttatur village where our evangelists are stationed. A school has been opened for the tribal children and some of the villages have already had the Gospel preached to them. Our workers spent a few days at Katteri and Puram and the Ashram. We are very grateful to Mr. Venugopal, D. F. O. for placing the huts of the vacated school for the use of our evangelists on a nominal rent. We are indebted to Dr. Raja Savariroyan, Messrs. R. S. Victor and Jeya David of Christu-kula Ashram for all they have done for initiating the work. But for their efforts and co-operation this work would not have been undertaken and we look to them for future expansion and any project to be opened in this area. This new field has won the sympathy and support of many friends. Mr. K. B. Victor of Bahrein, Persian Gulf, Dr. Mrs. S. Thambiah, Women's Auxiliary President and the Trivandrum N. M. S. Branch have offered to support one evangelist each at Rs. 50 p.m. The Rt. Rev. A. J. Appasamy, Bishop in Coimbatore has promised closer fellowship with this work and as a token of gesture has donated Rs. 200/-, Mr. A. Gunamani of Trivandram Rs. 100/- and Mr. G. V. Butt of Hyderabad Rs. 120-. We take this opportunity of thanking them for their gifts. Work has been opened in Timampet village with the help of Mr. and Mrs. David who have been co-operating with our missionaries in Katteri & Puram. The Society has sanctioned Rs. 25/- per month to support their endeavours.

We are waiting on the Lord to open a door in Elagiri Hills and pray to the Lord of the Harvest that He will send forth men of His choice to work in this new field. At present two Anglo-Indian families, one Christian Homeopathic doctor and a Christian teacher living on the hills are keenly interested in evangelistic work.

(c) **Ishupanthi Ashram, Puri.** The National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s, Calcutta have offered this Ashram to the Society. The General Secretary along with Mr. H. K. Mukerji, retired Y.M.C.A. Secretary, Calcutta visited the place in May 1957 and found it to be a good centre for evangelistic effort. Puri is a great place of pilgrimage for Hindus and the temple which is dedicated to Jagannath deity attracts people from all over India. A few volunteers have been recommended by the Rev. R. C. Das and others. We hope with the guidance of God, the right men will be chosen. While this ashram will be the concern of all branches of the Society, it is desired that friends in Orissa and Calcutta will be specially interested in the support of this work. Since it is agreed to close down the school at Ankola, the funds hitherto spent on this may be diverted for Puri work without any extra burden to the Society.

(d) **Assam border work.** The Overseas Mission have done mighty work in spreading the Gospel to the tribes in Assam. It is estimated that there are about a million Christians in Assam. The North-east Frontier Agency (N.E.F.A.) is closed to all religious activities whether they are sponsored by nationals or non-nationals. But the tribal people of NEFA are contacted by the missions when they come down to the plains to barter their goods etc. The North Bank Baptist Association of Churches have two dafla converts and through them the gospel is taken to the Daflas of NEFA. I believe a day may come when the Government of India will open the door to indigenous missions and the N. M. S. and L. N. M. S. must be prepared to march in without delay or hesitation. For this purpose the L.N.M.S. and the N. M. S. must find suitable men who will learn the local dialects and step in when the call comes. Let us remember NEFA in our prayers that God in His own good time may open the door.

(e) **Work among Muslims in Katteri** is progressing steadily. Rev. Gnandikam is in need of a good evangelist

to help him in this work. In this connection, it may be mentioned that the Muslim Work Committee of the Tamilnad Christian Council has recently felt a strong desire to intensify work among muslims and is conducting an Institute in Vanyambadi from 16th to 26th September 1957 for training Muslim workers with the Rev. E. Hahn of Vanyambadi as convener. There is also a proposal to open a branch of Henry Martin School in South India, attached to the United Theological College, Bangalore. It is strongly urged that the N.M.S. should cooperate with the Tamilnad Christian Council and give all possible assistance to Mr. Gnandikam to push on with his work among the muslims in and around Katteri. 29 Muslim pupils are studying in Katteri School.

Rural Christian Service Fellowship Camps. The annual camps were held in Kodumudi for men and in Jayapuram for women from April 13th to 28th, 1957. Both the camps had talented leaders. In these camps time was set apart for retreat, Bible study and Fellowship meetings when Christian experiences were shared. Outdoor work consisted of distributing tracts, selling Gospel portions, open-air preaching, personal talks, 'bajans', magic lantern talks etc. In Kodumudi Camp "Villu Pattu" (Bow song) programme attracted Brahmins also. Social service in "cheries" and socio-economic survey were undertaken. Lectures on Rural Reconstruction, Nutrition, and other topics were arranged. The camps serve as good training centres for youth leaders for socio-evangelistic work. These camps are held under the depressing effects of summer heat and at a time when annual public examinations are being held. It would serve a better purpose if the leaders can arrange these camps during winter vacation or Michaelmas holidays.

Puram and Katteri fields. Evangelistic work is undertaken jointly by both the missionaries who are assisted by the teachers of the schools and the Ashram brothers. Monthly evangelistic camps are held regularly in different villages. Pachur and Timmampet were given more attention. In Pachur village one Hindu Sanyasi was baptized under very dramatic circumstances. In July 1956 when our missionaries were preaching in Pachur at the shandy, one man from the crowd said "All gods are the same and there is nothing wonderful about Christ", but another young man replied him saying that what the preachers said was true. After the crowd dispersed the missionaries met this

young man and on enquiry they learnt that this man came to know about Jesus from a non-Christian Sanyasi in Pachur called "Pachur Samiyar". This 77 years old Sanyasi was contacted by our missionaries. He was reading the Bible for 10 years and was finally baptized in August 1957.

In Puram one educated young man from Naidu community was baptized. He is probably the first fruit from Naidu community.

The following is a list of persons baptized during the last six months.

1. Govindan Sundersingh of Thokiam village, aged 25 years, Chetty caste, teacher.
2. Thangaraj Asirvadam of Subamanglam village, aged 27 years, Harijan caste, electrician.
3. Nanjunden Philip of Puram village, aged 27 years, Naidu caste, land-lord.
4. Lydial Sakkubai of Georgepet village, aged 23 years, Harijan caste, wife of a tailor.
5. Sivagnana Devanbu, Pachur village, aged 77 years, vellala caste, Sanyasi.
6. Grace Chandra, child of Lydial Sakkubai and Peter Subramanyam.
7. Samuel, child of Lydial Sakkubai and Peter Subramanyam
8. Ebenezer, child of Appavoo and Jeyaceeli Peter Subramanyam.

Many tracts, Gospel portions and Bible were sold.

Schools. Out of 16 students sent up for the Elementary School Leaving Certificate Examination, 12 passed out creditably, as the result of which the strength of the school has increased to 283 with 9 teachers. The teachers are cooperating with the management.

Medical. Both the health clinics are doing good work mostly due to the weekly visits of Dr. Raja Savarirayan to Puram and Katteri and Dr. Miss Cornelius to Katteri. The work done is shown below :

	Puram	Katteri
Total out-patients	1284	1759
„ maternity cases	43	35

Our nurse at Katteri, Miss Ramasamy has reported a very thrilling experience of the healing power of Jesus. In August 1957, a case of delayed labour was brought in a collapsed state. As the case was very bad the nurse at first wanted to send away the patient but later on, after prayer, she told the patient and her relatives that Jesus alone could save the case if they believed in Him. The patient cried out "Jesus have mercy on me" and within a few minutes she delivered a girl baby. But a little later she began to bleed profusely, and the nurse could not even leave the patient to prepare an injection. She again called on her Saviour for power and strength and gave the injection. While she was getting the injection ready, the patient's relatives all cried out "Jesus have mercy on the patient." The bleeding stopped and the patient rallied round miraculously and went back home praising God. "Thy touch has still its ancient power, no words from Thee can fruitless fall". Thus our clinics bear witness to Christ.

Our thanks are due to Dr. Miss Cornelius of Vanyambadi, and Dr. Raja Savariroyan for their voluntary service and help at our clinics.

Those of us who met "Aya" Philip, the 60 year old mason cum evangelist who built the R.C.S.F. Silver Jubilee Hall at Katteri, single handed, after serving faithfully as a voluntary worker for two years at Katteri, slept in the Lord on 18th April 1957. This humble servant of God used his skill to the glory of God and left behind him a fine example for others to follow.

U. P. Area Committee. The Society is happy to welcome Miss M. M. Singh, retired Inspectress of Schools as the Hon. U. P. Area Secretary in the place of the late Dr. A. Ralla Ram. Miss Singh has arranged a well thought—out programme of tour of the S. I Gospel Team in U. P. We wish God's blessing in her work.

Mr. A. V. Singh who was appointed as the Organising Secretary for the North in September, 1956 was able to join duty from 21st August 1957. Mr. Singh has already made good contacts and hopes to create wider interest among Christians in his area. The Allahabad Branch has been very active in forming prayer cells and visiting the sick and the aged and is planning to collect more funds for the Society.

Delhi N. M. S. Branch.

We are grateful to the office-bearers and members of the Branch for so kindly undertaking to invite the Executive Committee to hold its meetings at Delhi. They had kindly undertaken to give free hospitality to all the members of the Committee and strove their best to make all the members comfortable. The meetings were held at the Y. M. C. A., and the United Service at Christ Church, where Gospel Message was given by our General Secretary Dr. A. C. Abraham. A purse for Rs. 400/-, and collections amounting to about Rs. 500/- were presented to the Society.

On Sunday, the 22nd September the members of the Executive gave messages at all the Church Services.

Also, the members had the unique opportunity of having an interview with the Prime Minister Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru for about 40 minutes.

We are thankful to Bishop S. K. Mondol, his Secretary Mr. P. C. Balaram, Mr. A. S. Seymour, President and Mr. Hamilton, Secretary of the Branch, Dr. Abner Nelson and other friends for their help. A grand Reception was given to the members of the Executive by the Christian public of Delhi.

It is gratifying to note that the visit of the members of the Executive aroused great enthusiasm among the Christians and Churches in Delhi for missionary work.

Trivandram and Nagercoil Branches. These have very active office-bearers and committee members. The Trivandrum Branch has set a fine example to support one evangelist on Javadhi hills and we hope the Nagercoil branch also will follow suit.

High Range Branch, Munnar. Mr. Sobanam and Mr. Victor Reginald, with their friends made hazardous travels and collected Rs. 400/- for the Society and also sent six packets of special tea leaves for the N. M. S. Sale. We are very grateful to these friends.

Mangalore Branch. Mr. J. Amoda, our veteran Hon. Organising Secretary spent more than 90 days on tour and collected about Rs. 2,400/-. I had the pleasure of meeting

him at Madras for the first time when he attended the N.M.S. Sale and felt that if the Society had half a dozen 'Amodas' great things could be attempted for God. The Society is deeply indebted to him. The Mangalore branches have formed an area committee and have asked for a representative on the Executive Committee of the N. M. S.

Bengal Branch. Mr. N. K. Bose very faithfully carried out his responsibility of collecting money for the Society. We pray that he will succeed to find a young man upon whose shoulders he can throw his mantle.

Finance. Taking into consideration April and May as lean months of the Society, the receipts were not unsatisfactory. Against an opening balance of Rs. 1853/- on 1st April, 1957, the closing balance on 8th September 1957 is Rs. 3-8-0. This is due to :—

(a) paying a lumpsum of Rs. 1000/- to Mrs. Chellasamy towards house compensation,

(b) advance to workers in N. Kanara Field as M.T.S.C. E.A. did not send in its quota, and

(c) a sum of Rs. 907/- was spent for urgent repairs in Katteri, Kumta and Honovar.

Contributions received from the Punjab and Rajasthan were very discouraging. It is hoped that the new Organising Secretary for N. India will devote more time to visit these branches.

Though it was not possible to pay anything towards the debt of the Society during the last five months, it must be stated that further debt was not incurred; and rents collected on the Secretary's quarters and the press are kept aside.

The N. M. I. and Deepikai are still not self-paying. Our readers were repeatedly reminded to send in their annual contribution of Re. 1/- but the response was discouraging.

Our thanks are due to Rev. A. Arul Thangiah, Editor, and Mrs. G. T. Mani, Joint Editor of Tamil Deepikai who have raised the tone of Deepikai to suit the modern standard.

I take this opportunity of thanking all our brethren who have helped us with their prayers and regular subscriptions

and donations for the progress of the work of the Society. We are launching out into new areas with the fervent hope that the Lord will be with us, guide us and further His work in His own way.

N. M. S. House,
Royapettah, Madras.
9-10-1957.

NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY DELEGATES MEET NEHRU

"Christianity A Religion Of India" —*Nehru.*

DELHI.

The National Missionary Society of India, writes the the Special Representative of the "Christian Times," held a three day session at New Delhi which concluded on September 24, 1957.

During its three day session, the members of the executive committee of the National Missionary Society interviewed the Prime Minister, Mr. Jawahar Lal Nehru, on September 24.

"Kashmir has never accepted the two nation theory and India never will," Prime minister Nehru is understood to have told the members of the executive committee of the National Missionary Society of India.

The Indian Christian leaders who were meeting Mr. Nehru to discuss certain church matters, invited him to make some observations on the Kashmir issue in view of the fact that the Security Council was due to discuss it.

Mr. Nehru is reported to have remarked that the two-nation theory was at the bottom of the whole trouble between India and Pakistan over Kashmir. Once this theory was accepted, the millions of Muslims and Christians living in India would become aliens, and this was a position India would never accept.

Bishop S. K. Mondol, Senior Bishop of the Methodist Church, who had presided over the meetings, told the Prime

Minister that Christians would bear themselves with a "spirit of brotherliness" and "forgive those who had wronged them" at Raipur.

Mr. Nehru is reported to have remarked that since independence many forces which had been inhabited during British rule had been let loose. Some of these were good and some bad.

There was an impression in some parts of India, particularly in the north, that Christianity came to India with the British, but actually Christianity came in the first century A. D. long before the advent of British rule. Christianity was thus "a religion of India."

Mr. Nehru also made a reference to the activities of foreign missionaries in India. He is reported to have said that since independence the number of these missionaries had increased but this was due to the arrival of missionaries from "irregular churches (not long established), especially from America. The number of missionaries sent by the regular churches had actually decreased.

Earlier, the Executive Committee is understood to have decided that Churches and missions in India should ultimately be able to do without foreign aid.

The committee also considered the "serious incident at Raipur (Madhya Pradesh) resulting in the complete destruction of the Gass Memorial Hall" and decided that it should not say anything on the incident, as the case was 'sub judice'.

However, it adopted a resolution giving a message of "patience, hope and humility" to all churches and missions in India and urging upon Christians "not to get too much agitated" over the incident, but to "do everything peacefully and lawfully".

RECEPTION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE N. M. S. OF INDIA

Executive Committee of the National Missionary Society of India met at the Y.M.C.A., in New Delhi from September 21—23 at which representatives from various parts of India were present. The elite of the Indian Christian community

of Delhi State gave a grand Reception to the members of the Executive on Saturday evening on the beautiful lawns of the Y.M.C.A. To this delightful function nearly five hundred people were invited.

Refreshments on a lavish scale were served.

Bishop S. K. Mondol, the President of the Society welcomed the gathering and introduced the Vice Presidents and the General Secretary Dr. A. C. Abraham to the audience. The General Secretary in turn introduced the members of the Executive to the gathering.

Mr. A. S. Seymour, President of the Delhi Area Committee referred to the indigenous, inter-denominational and voluntary service of the Missionary Organization and gave a history of the Delhi Branch and its work. He added that the visit of the members of the Gospel Team would rouse the interest of the Christians in Delhi in Missionary work. He also said that there was a great need for the Indian Church to take a lively interest in missionary work in these momentous days. He also expressed his heartfelt thanks to Bishop S. K. Mondol, the President of the Society who inspired and guided all their undertaking and to Dr. Abner Nelson, Rev. P. C. B. Balaram and other friends who co-operated and helped him in making the function a success.

The music rendered by the Quartet and an Officer of the U. S. I. S., was greatly appreciated.

Mr. S. Balasingam Satya, a member of the Executive Committee, gave a suitable reply and thanked the members of the Indian Christian Community of Delhi, the Area Committee and other friends for their generous hospitality and warm welcome.

The function ended with benediction by Bishop Amritanand of Assam.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF INDIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, TINNEVELLY

The Dornakal I. M. S. Field is composed of three pastorates—the Dornakal, the Medithapalli and Manukota pastorates. Out of these three, Dornakal pastorate is the

most fortunate in possessing a lovely Cathedral for evening and morning services, a hospital, Theological College the Diocesan High School and the Press.

The Dornakal Cathedral of the Epiphany, completed and dedicated to the glory of God, stands as a living monument proclaiming the faith of the servants who built it and who worshipped in it ever since 1939. The 50th Golden Jubilee of the I. M. S. was celebrated in April 1956. The first Telugu Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Periji Solomon was consecrated as the Shepherd of this Diocese in the same Church on 27th Nov. 1956.

A Theological School which was started mainly to train Clergymen is now grown into the Andhra Union Theological College in which we can see Ex-methodists, Anglicans and Congregationalists studying and worshipping together.

The Bishop Whitehead Hospital which was started in the year 1925 by the late Bishop Azariah is shedding rays of health and joy under the management of an European nurse with the help of a compounder and a few trained nurses and midwife. There are 15 beds and nearly 50 out-patients come daily for treatment.

The School which was started in the year 1906 with 4 children has grown into a Co-educational High School since 1953 with 350 children day and boarders and 17 teachers. For the first time one of our girl students called B. Suguna has come out successful in the S.S.L.C. class and has entered into Teachers' training in Masulipatam and a boy student Bhaghaya Rao has joined the A. C. C. College in Guntur.

There is a press situated in the Cathedral compound. It caters to the needs of the Diocese and the Institutions therein. All the workers in the press are the products of I.M.S. One among them is a good Christian and a cripple called Benjamin. His service and faith have captivated the sympathy of Tinnevelly friends who happened to visit Dornakal periodically. A gift of Rs. 50/- was sent by the Kings Messengers of St. John's Girls High School, Nazareth last year. He got married and is blessed with a baby girl.

N. M. S. AUXILIARY, TRIVANDRUM

Miss E. L. Joshua, Organising Secretary of the N.M.S., arrived at Trivandrum an 9th September 1957. During her short stay here, she spoke in several meetings about the N. M, S. and the wonderful work it is doing all over India. On September 14th she left for Nagercoil.

Even though the people here had a somewhat fair knowledge of the N. M. S., Miss Joshua's visit has given a new stir to their thoughts. From 9th to 12th September special meetings were arranged in the different churches of this city, and she addressed all those gatherings. Detailed information regarding the several enterprises of the N. M. S. was given. Speaking about the new ventures, she told us about the work that is going on in Javadhi Hills and the work that is going to be started very soon in Nepal. In all these meetings she reiterated the fact that every Christian ought to be a missionary and ought to have his or her share in this great work. If the 2% Christians in India to-day would co-operate with the N. M. S. work by praying, paying and propagating, she said, that the day is not far away when the whole of India would be won for Christ.

On the evening of September 13th Dr. D. R. Vedamuthu, the President of the local N. M. S. auxiliary, gave a Tea party in honour of the Organising Secretary. All the committee members of the auxilary were present. In this small gathering also Miss Joshua spoke with life and vigour.

During her short stay she visited many of the Christian Houses of this city and witnessed about the N. M. S.

Miss Joshua, with her untiring enthusiasm and spiritual endowments is indeed a great asset to the N. M. S.

Hoping that God would call out many other men and women like her to dedicate their lives for the spread of gospel in India,

I. PAUL,
Secretary.

N.M.S. SOUTH TAMIL AREA CONFERENCE, TRIVANDRUM

The South Tamil Area Conference of the N.M.S. was held in the Triple Jubilee Memorial Hall, Trivandrum, from October 5th to the 7th. Fifty delegates from the different parts of South India attended the Conference.

The Rt. Rev. A. H. Legg, Bishop in South Travancore, inaugurated the Conference. Mr. A. Gunamony, President of the South Tamil Area of the N.M.S. extended a hearty welcome to all the delegates and Mr. T. J. Selladurai of Pasumalai made a suitable reply.

Mr. Stanley Meyyappa, Area Secretary read the messages from the Headquarters of the N.M.S. and from other friends and also gave a brief report about the All India Conference and Executive Committee of the N.M.S.

On Saturday afternoon a Fancy Sale was held in the School Hall and this was declared open by Mrs. Legg. Due to the enthusiastic efforts of Mr. K. George, Labour Liaison Officer, State Transport Department, who was in charge of the Fancy Sale arrangements, and the help rendered by the Y.W.C.A. the sale was successful. Mrs. D. R. Vedamuthu had made all the arrangements for the Tea Stall and this was patronised by all the visitors.

On Sunday, 6th instant, some of the delegates visited Christ Church, Trivandrum; Mateer Memorial Church, Trivandrum; Marthoma Church, Trivandrum; Kannanmoolai C. S. I. Church; Poojapurai C. S. I. Church; Maruthoor C. S. I. Church etc. Revs. D. A. Santiago, S. J. Nalliah of Dindigul and A. Ebenezer of Sivaganga, Dr. K. R. Devadason, Messrs. T. J. Selladurai and Stanley Meyyappa and Miss Gladis Antony took part in these services.

On Sunday noon reports were presented on behalf of the different Auxiliaries, viz. Trivandrum, Neyoor Ladies' Auxiliary, Nagercoil Ladies' Auxiliary, Nagercoil Men's Branch, Whitly Hostel—Nagercoil, Pasumalai, Rakshanyapuram, Madurai, Madurai Ladies' Auxiliary, Capron Hall, O.C.P.M., Tallakulam, Munnar, Sivaganga, Manamadurai and Dindigul Women's Auxiliary. Mr. Stanley Meyyappa

presented his report and the Treasurer Dr. K. R. Devadason presented the audited Statement of Accounts which had been printed.

On Saturday evening and on Sunday evening, special Services were held in the Mateer Memorial Church and Rt. Rev. Philipose Mar Chrysostom, Mar Thoma Bishop, Kottayam, delivered two inspiring addresses, laying particular emphasis on the opportunities for evangelistic work available to N.M.S. and the method of work which ought to be followed by Missionary Agencies. On Saturday noon and Sunday noon Rev. J. E. Kesari, District Minister, Trivandrum, conducted a Bible Study based on First John, Chapters 1 to 3. On both these days at 9 p.m., Family Prayers were conducted by Rev. V. M. Mathen, Pastor, Marthoma Church.

The following were elected to hold office till the next Conference:

President	...	Mr. A. Gunamony
Vice-Presidents	...	Rev. G. P. James Mrs. I. Kurien
Secretaries	...	Mr. Stanley Meyyappa Rev. I. R. H. Gnanadason
Treasurer	...	Dr. K. R. Devadason
Working Committee	...	Mrs. Kurien George and Mrs. Kesari, Trivandrum. Mrs. Aberanam Gnanasigamoni & Mr. Alfred from Nagercoil. Mr. T. J. Sellathurai & Mr. W. Horshington from Madurai. Mr. Aruliah from Trichy. Mr. Victor Reginald from Munnar.

THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA

Financial Statement from 1st April to 30th Sept. '57.

RECEIPTS

Opening balance	...			Rs. 1853	08
Punjab	...	10	00		
Bombay	...	721	50		
Kerala	...	521	53		
Delhi	...	83	00		
S. Kanara	...	2378	64		
United Provinces	...	1893	59		
Andhra	...	391	91		
N. Tamil Area	...	492	49		
S. Tamil Area	...	1370	25		
N. M. I. & Deepikai	...	177	44		
Birth Day Gift	...	107	00		
Advance to Executive Com. etc., adjusted	...	1175	18		
Nepal	...	647	72		
Jawadi Hills	...	797	86		
Madras	...	842	87		
Madhya Pradesh	...	175	00		
Women's Evangelical Fellowship, Puram	...	600	00		
Miscellaneous	...	384	93		
Outside India	...	167	58		
Madras Ladies' Auxiliary	...	2673	60		
Bihar	...	135	00		
Rajasthan	...	35	00		
Interest on Securities	...	604	14		
Anonymous	...	1456	00		
Calcutta	...	319	00		
Puram School grant	...	2584	18		
Katteri	...	667	30		
Ankola	...	977	00		
Field receipts	...	695	13		
				Rs. 23084	84
Total including Opening Balance				Rs. 24937	92

EXPENDITURE

(From 1st April to 30th Sept. '57)

Puram ...	Rs.	8457	75
Katteri ...		2855	43
Ankola—Karwar ...		673	49
Kumta ...		771	00
Mission Field, Honavar ...		646	18
Headquarters ...		3162	72
N. M. I. & Deepikai ...		1412	11
Organising Secretary, Tamilnad		1315	59
„ „ N. India ...		153	78
Hon. General Secretary ...		716	55
„ Associate G. Secretary ...		187	99
Retirement allowance of Mr. S. J. D. ...		600	00
Executive Committee expenditure, Tirupattur ...		643	25
Advance paid to the Delhi Executive Com. expenses etc., pending adjustment ...		2585	00
* General ...		1643	56
Jawadi Hills ...		1049	89
Nepal ...		135	00
Imprest a/c. ...		350	00
Total Expenditure		27359	
Excess over receipts met temporarily from the amounts held in suspense		2421	37
	Rs.	24937	92

Rs. 2500/- advance towards Delhi Executive Committee meeting.

* N. M. S, Sunday printing ...	Rs.	149	60
Hon. deputation expenses ...		531	09
Affiliation fees ...		50	00
Printing ...		326	88
Corporation tax ...		75	36
Bank eharges ...		154	19
U. P. Secretary ...		80	00
Miscellaneous ...		276	44

(Sd.) J. B. Masillamani,
Hon. Treasurer, N.M.S.

MADRAS LADIES' AUXILIARY SALE ACCOUNT 1957

Name of Stall		Rs.	A.	P.	Amount Rs.	A.	P.
General Stall							
Mrs. J. G. Abraham	...	327	3	0			
Miss H. Stephen	...	221	7	0			
Miss E. L. Joshua	...	70	9	6			
Mrs. C. P. Michael	...	66	0	0			
Medicines Tea & Jaggery	...	72	11	0			
					757	14	6
Luckey Dip							
Mrs. Mathen	...	164	12	0			
„ T. M. Varghese	...	62	0	0			
„ K. C. Jacob	...	190	10	0			
					417	6	0
Refreshment Stall							
Mrs. M. Appasamy	...	422	6	6			
„ J. Korula	...	33	12	0			
					456	2	6
Vegitables Stall	...			...	591	0	0
Ice Cream „	...			...	175	0	0
Pullau „	...			...	134	8	0
Lime Juice „	...			...	94	6	0
Games	...			...	52	8	6
Gate Collections	...			...	30	12	0
	Gross Receipts			...	2,709	9	6
	Less Expense etc.			...	253	0	0
	Balance Received in Cash			...	2,456	9	6

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PRAYER TOPICS

Thanksgiving :

For the success of the Gospel Team in the U. P. Area and all the blessings received ;

For enabling us to open work in Nepal and the good news from Miss Sircar about the progress of the work ;

Prayer :

That the Lord may comfort Mr. Duraisamy's family and relatives; and guide Mrs. Duraisamy and children in His own way ;

That Mr. & Mrs. Ezekiel Vedanayagam in the Jawadi Hills may be strengthened to continue the good work there ;

That God may give speedy cure to Mrs. Gnanadikam, wife of Rev. R. Gnanadikam, our missionary at Katteri ;

That the Women's Fellowship just started at Puram may grow in strength ;

That our missionary in Puram, Mr. S. Gnanasundaramani may be filled with the Holy Spirit and strength as he is to be ordained on the 8th of December at Puram.

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"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"
"and lo, I am with you alway,
even unto the end of the world—*Amen.*"

Dear Friends,

You will be glad to know that Mr. & Mrs. Samuel John and I have happily settled down at Khausali, Butwol in Nepal. Our long wished for desire has been fulfilled.

In many ways we have found the loving and gracious hands of our Father preparing the way for us. We had feared that the house we had selected for renting on a previous visit had been taken away from us. We had expected to rent it from 1st October, and had then received the most disappointing news that it could not be vacated. Nevertheless, we came in faith, fully believing that our God would find a way.

Mr. A. V. Singh and I arrived here on October 8th, prepared to look for other rooms if the former house were not available. Yet, the porters took us to the first house, newly colour-washed, freshly mud-plastered, cleaned and repaired to receive us! We could not believe it, and were told that the Military Colonel who was not willing to vacate it, had been transferred, so the house stood ready for us. This was the first testing of our faith, and we were thankful that He had not failed. We realised the great power of prayer. You friends had been upholding us, and thus we triumphed in our Lord Jesus.

Mr. A. V. Singh hurried back to Allahabad to give the good news to Mr. & Mrs. John. I expected them to join me

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within a week. Due to important duties, they were delayed a little. It gave me two weeks to be alone with our Master here to wait upon Him, and seek His will and plans for His work for us in Nepal.

I had been a little anxious about the last part of the journey for Mr. & Mrs. John. The bus road is rough, stony and hard, there is also a long and trying halt at the border for checking by Customs Officers. To my amazement and joy, the Sam Johns arrived in good spirits on October 24th saying that they were not made to halt for customs checking, nor had they to change buses at the border! This was a great act of mercy arranged by our Almighty Father.

Ours is a "katcha" (mud-bricked) house with four rooms, a courtyard, verandah and kitchen. Two rooms are on the first floor, two on the second. Mr. & Mrs. John are on the first floor, I on the second. We have spent the first few days making the rooms convenient and comfortable. Mr. John has built us a smokeless "chulha" (oven). Another of our difficulties was solved when we found a good, honest, hard working hill lad to fetch water and cut and carry firewood from the forest. The water is some distance from us.

Mr. John is trained in homoeopathic medicines. He brought a supply of them which he has arranged in one portion of the front verandah, to be our Dispensary. He has also brought some books and tracts, so our Library is arranged in another part of our front verandah. Already some books have been loaned out. To a young man working at the Nepal Bank, who became friendly and called on us, we loaned an English copy of the life of Sadhu Sunder Singh. As soon as he saw the picture on the front page, he exclaimed that he had seen the Sadhu recently in Katmandoo! You can imagine our joy and excitement! The young man said the Sadhu was much older now, with marks of wounds and bruises on his temple, arm and legs, but was robed in yellow as in the picture. He was preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus. We have asked him to get full particulars about the Sadhu. If truly Sadhuji is alive, it is a great gift for Nepal, and a high privilege for us all here.

A third portion of the verandah is our place of worship. Our Hindi bhajans and lyrics and Mr. John's violin at-

tracted our landlord and his wife. They hope to join us sometimes. Thus God is enabling us to form personal contacts in various directions. No one has ever preached the Gospel in these parts, so a great field awaits His evangelists. He has chosen the N. M. S. to bring the glad tidings here to His children waiting for the news of His great love and sacrifice. We feel quite inadequate for the task, but believe that **He** has chosen us and sent us here; so **He** alone will equip us and make us equal to the high and great work.

We greatly feel the need of a strong and large band of praying friends. We represent **you** here. We know you will daily uphold us and help us to be strong and courageous.

One is bound to meet hardships and handicaps in a new land. God is marvellously helping us. Our sister Mrs. John, is providing for us wholesome, delicious, nourishing food in spite of countless difficulties.

This is to share with you our first experiences of praise and deep thanksgiving to God. May He keep us faithful and true to Him as His witnesses of love, in a portion of Nepal untouched by His Gospel for centuries. The strength of the inner life and prayer and power of our homebase will enable us to triumph in our Lord and work for His glory in Nepal.

Our prayers are with you all, specially with the Gospel Team now working in the U. P., and with the churches being visited by them.

With greetings from us three to you all,

Your sister in Christ,
Komolini Sircar.

c/o. Shri Rudra Bahadur Rana Bhatt,
Khausali, Butwol,
Nepal, Via Nautanwa,
Dt. Gorakhpur.

THE LATE Mr. S. J. DURAISAMY, EX-GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE N. M. S.

We regret to inform friends that Mr. S. J. Duraisamy, the ex-General Secretary of the N. M. S. passed away at Santhoshapuram Sanatorium, near Tambaram, Madras on 31st October 1957, after a prolonged illness patiently borne. After his retirement from the Society about a year ago, he was practically staying at Santhoshapuram Sanatorium for treatment and rest. He was very kindly taken care of by Dr. Mathuram Santhosham, Tuberculosis Expert and Founder of the Sanatorium to whom our grateful thanks are due. About last August Mr. Duraisamy was very much improved in health. He was really making good progress but all on a sudden he passed away peacefully from an heart attack. His body was interred at St. Mary's Cemetery after a short service at the Good Shepherd Church, the Bishop in Madras and Rev. R. Duraiappa officiating. Thus ended the career of one who had planned and carried out many new schemes in the N. M. S. for the extension of God's Kingdom. He was 51 years when he died.

Mr. Duraisamy hails from Thadiapuram, a village in Sankaranainar Koil Taluk in Tinnevelly Dt. Born of a leading Hindu family of the village, his father being the chief of the place, Duraisamy came under the influence of missionaries and the Gospel while studying at St. John's School and St. John's College, Tinnevelly. He was led to Christ by the Saintly Rev. G. T. Selwyn who later became the Bishop of Tinnevelly. He looked upon him as his father and loved him as such.

After graduating from the Madras Christian College, he joined the Student Christian Movement as Travelling Secretary for a few years, after which he underwent a theological course in Bangalore. After his theological training he joined the N. M. S., as Associate Secretary and travelled widely throughout India, conducting religious meetings, Bible Study Classes and contacting churches and individuals. He led many to the feet of Christ, some of whom are working in the Missions and Churches at present. He was later appointed General Secretary which post he carried on for ten years and worked zealously and unsparingly for the Master.

Mr. Duraisamy was greatly interested in Youth work and organised the Rural Christian Service Fellowship Camps very efficiently to which many a Youth was attracted. The Camps were held every summer in two or three different places in S. India in rural areas where the Youth were brought to personal knowledge of Christ.

Mr. Duraisamy's Ten Year Plan of Evangelism, with his suggestions and details for evangelising India is indeed commendable. It is an eye-opener to many a missionary and evangelist. He was a fore-runner of planning in the evangelistic field.

Due to his hard work and constant tours, his state of health was adversely affected and for some years he was subjected to asthma. In spite of his great suffering, he patiently carried on. Before his retirement, he made arrangements and participated in the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Society at Calcutta. A year ago he retired from the N. M. S., on account of his feeble health.

He was humble and had many Christian virtues. It is said with truth that Duraisamy was the N. M. S. and the N. M. S. was Duraisamy. He was a staunch Nationalist, very simple in his habits and ways of living. He was a good preacher and Bible student. He had a passion for Indigenous expression of Christianity and Christian worship to suit Indian conditions. His ideal was the motto of the Society viz., "Expect great things from God and attempt great things for God", and he sincerely worked towards this ideal.

The members of the All India Council, the Executive Committee and the Standing Committee will greatly miss him and his valuable suggestions and advice in the coming years in the expansion of the Society's work. May his soul rest in peace.

We thank God for his life and work and 16 years of loyal service to the Society in spite of his physical weakness and illness. We extend our sincere sympathy and condolence to Mrs. Duraisamy, children and relatives and a large circle of friends.

THE LATE Mr. J. LEWIS SUBRAMANIAM

We very much regret to report of the passing of Mr. Lewis Subramaniam at Ceylon on 2nd November, 1957. He was an officer in the Postal Audit Department in Madras some years ago, and after retirement he settled down in Ceylon. During his official career in Madras, he was greatly interested in the work of the N. M. S. and acted as Hon. Treasurer. He was a staunch supporter of the Society and a good Christian leader. He had endowed the Society with some share money from which we get regular dividends. Till his death he had been sending regular support.

We are thankful to God for his life and work and the great interest he had evinced in the Society. We send our sympathy and condolence to the members of the bereaved family.

THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA HIGH RANGE BRANCH—MUNNAR

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

As Secretary of the High Range Branch of the National Missionary Society, I have great pleasure in placing the following report before the Tamil Provincial Conference held in Trivandrum from 5th to 7th October 1957.

Though it is 50 years since the N.M.S. has been established, it was not until 1940 an organised branch was started at Munnar under the leadership of Mr. S. P. Rajiah. Energetic as he was, Mr. Rajiah carried on the work of the N.M.S., in the capacity of Secretary or Treasurer or Committee member until his retirement. During this period, Mr. Paul Kadambavanam visited this district and a Ladies' Auxiliary was started, the first Secretary of which was Mrs. Grace Swamidason. After Mr. Rajiah retired from service and left the district, the response from this Branch was not quite satisfactory and therefore Miss Taylor and Miss E. L. Joshua were sent from Madras to re-organise this branch. They conducted a meeting at the residence of the then Pastor Rev. Roshiah, to which several of the local members of the C.S.I.

and Mar Thoma churches had been invited. At the request of the Organising Secretaries, Mr. B. J. Rajaretnam of the K. D. H. P. Company's head office at Munnar, took over the Secretaryship. He was assisted by Mr. J. S. Martin as Joint Secretary, Mr. A. Sobanam as Hon. Treasurer and Messrs. Victor Reginald, P. K. Mathai, C. V. Mathew and M. P. Arthur as Committee me mbers. It was at this meeting that the newly elected office-bearers gave the assurance to the Organising Secretaries that they would collect funds and send them regularly to meet the salary of a nurse at Puram. In this connection, I am glad to record that by the grace of God we have been able to keep this promise until now, in spite of many difficulties we had to confront.

The 17th of April 1952 was a red letter day in the annals of this Branch as it was then that we had the unique honour of having the South Provincial Conference opened in Munnar by His Grace tne Most Rev. Juhanan Mar Thoma, the Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church. The conference lasted for 4 days and 64 delegates from all over South India attended it. Letters from several of the delegates were received by us saying that the conference was really a blessing to them. The Candle Lighting Ceremony, which formed a part of the programme, left a deep impression in the minds of the delegates who dedicated themselves to the Light of the World, trying to enlighten themselves and their fellowmen.

In this connection, I would like to point out that the success of the conference, we attribute purely to the Divine Guidance. When the Head Office proposed to hold the Tamil Provincial Conference in Munnar in the year 1951, our Committee refused to shoulder the responsibility as we anticipated enormous difficulties. When the request was renewed the next year, the committee had to consider the matter prayerfully and at a committee meeting held at the Christ Church, Munnar, it was decided to agree to the holding of the Conference in Munnar. When we were racking our brains with the financial aspect, a committee member, working in the Head Office of the K. D. H. P. Co. came in with the news that the Company had declared a bonus of 6 months' salary to their staff. The good news stimulated the members and we were able to collect a very good amount towards the expenses of the conference. Yes, God's help and Guidance were there.

When Mr. Rajaretnam was transferred to the Anamallais in March 1953, the Secretaryship was taken over by Mr. Victor Reginald while Mr. J. S. Martin and Mr. A. Sobanam were continuing as Joint Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer respectively.

In the year 1954 Miss E. L. Joshua the Organising Secretary visited us and she spared no pains to tour all the important centres with a view to strengthening the organisation further.

Membership and subscription. We have nearly 500 members who are regularly paying contributions to the National Missionary Society. As the members are scattered over the various Estates, some of which are over 20 miles away from Munnar, the Office-bearers have to travel long distances for collection purposes. Travelling in heavy rain and through thick jungles all through these seven years, we have been enabled by God to collect the requisite amount to support the nurse at Puram.

It will be interesting if I narrate an incident which occurred when we went on a collection tour. One day we were going in a car along a narrow road from Arivikad Estate to Silent Valley Estate, about 18 miles from Munnar. The road was through a thick jungle and it was raining heavily. Suddenly we had to stop as a big tree was lying across the road. The road was too narrow to allow us to go backward even. We were far away from human habitation. We could not do anything except to tell God our difficulties. All of a sudden we saw down nearly 600 feet below the road a man going along a footpath carrying an axe on his shoulder. Immediately he was called in to help us to remove the tree from the road. The person told us that, he was returning after a feast in his wife's house and the axe that he carried was a present from his mother-in-law. Had it not been for the axe brought in at that particular time, at that particular place, and by that particular person, our programme on that day would have been completely upset and we would have undergone many difficulties. In fact we were able to keep the appointments we fixed with several Managers and other supporters. How merciful is God!

I am glad to record that during the tenure of office of the present Office-bearers, this Branch has been able to send

to Madras todate Rs. 5680-25. While I thank all the Office bearers, the herculean efforts of the Hon. Treasurer Mr. A. Sobanam deserve special mention.

N. M. S. Sundays. These have been conducted every year on the Second Sunday of October. The local Parishes, the C. S. I. Pastorates of Munnar and Yellapatty and High Range Mar Thoma Church-have all along been extending to us their full and most hearty co-operation in making our N. M. S. activities a success.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Rev. Basil P. Samuel, the C. S. I. Pastor, Munnar, the Chairman of our Branch and Rev. V. M. Koruth the Vicar of the Mar Thoma Church, our Vice Chairman for the interest they evince and the guidance they so liberally give us towards the success of our efforts.

I have great pleasure to record that the English Church Committee in Munnar is annually donating to us Rs. 50/- as a token of their interest in our activities.

The Management of the K. D. H. P. Company and the Managers of the various Estates need special mention because whenever we approached them for help, they most willingly and with pleasure did so in cash as well as in kind. It is but proper that I mention here with extreme gratitude that the success of the Conference that we held here in 1952 was to a large extent due to the valuable help rendered to us by the General Manager Mr. R. Walker. Our thanks are also due to the present General Manager Mr. W. W. Mayne with whose help we were able to raise a decent sum through a Film show in the Season 1955/56.

The members of the Mothers' Union, Munnar Pastorate under the able leadership of Mrs. Kowsalai Samuel, Mrs. Gnanam Samuel and Mrs. Jemiamma James are doing their best for the Society, especially when we conduct the Auction Sales.

The Christian Endeavour Society in Munnar led by Messrs. K A. George and James Edith, the present Joint Secretary & Joint Treasurer of N. M. S. of this Branch and the members of the Church Choir are always extending their heartiest co-operation towards the cause of the N. M. S.

It is with deep sorrow only that I can mention about the late Mr. G. Thangasamy who departed from us a year ago. He was a pioneer in this hilly ditrict in Missionary activities. Being interested in the N. M. S., as in all Missionary enterprises, he was donating to us not less than Rs. 100/- every year. His daughter Miss Kamala and other children have promised that they would continue extending to the N. M. S. the same sympathy and co-operation which their father did so generously.

As our contribution, we are sending a cheque for Rs. 100/- towards the expenses of this Conference and some articles for Sale.

With prayers and the best wishes for the succees of the Conference,

(Sd) **D. VICTOR REGINALD,**
Hon. Secretary.

VISIT OF THE N. M. S., GOSPEL TEAM, TO MEERUT

September 25th to 28th 1957.

Miss M. M. Singh, the Hon'y Secretary, N.M.S., U. P., came to this station on the 24th of September, this year and devoted the after-noon for special prayers for the N. M. S. work to be done in this locality by Dr. A. C. Abraham, Mr. Balasingam Satya, and Rao Sahib C. P. Michael.

On the 25th September, at 5-30 p.m., the Office Bearers of the local N. M. S., the members of the Executive Committee, and the members of the Reception Committees met to welcome the visitors with light refreshment at the St. Thomas Girl's School Hall. The same evening at 7,. a service was held in the St. Thomas Church building where Dr. Abraham preached a heart-searching sermon to a very large gathering.

The next day was quite full with the N. M. S. programme. At 7 a.m., Dr. Abraham addressed the students and staff of the Plested Memorial Girls' Inter College. This

was followed by a cottage meeting in the Drawing Room of the Manager, Dr. M. Shepherd led by Rao Sahib C. P. Michael at 9-30. a.m., All the three members of the Gospel Team Mr. A. S. Abraham, Mr. A. S. Balasingam Satya, and Rao Sahib C. P. Michael addressed the St. Thomas Girls' School students and staff at 5-30 p.m. The Youth Rally gave a very attractive programme at the Methodist Mission Boys' School Hall. Cottage Meetings at three separate places simultaneously were held with the object of reaching the maximum possible Christian people here with the best possible facility and convenience.

On the 27th at 7-30 a.m., a Cottage Meeting at the home of Shri Deva Lall was addressed by Mr. C. P. Michael on the need of the working of the Holy Spirit. The same day the Team left for Khatauli returning the same evening for another meeting at the residence of Capt. A. Jethro, the Deputy Director of Education here.

Mr. A. V. Singh advocated the cause of the N. M. S. in the morning at St. Paul's Methodist Church, and in the evening at the Methodist Central Church on the 29th instant.

The Team gave a very deep impression to the people of Meerut with the result that many people were aroused for the national spiritual movement of the N. M. S. The credit for this goes to Miss M. M. Singh the Hon'y Secretary of the N. M. S., U. P., for her eagerness, zeal, and her Heavenly inspired programme for this station.

The 13th October, 1957, is to be observed as a Special Day for the N. M. S. A specially prepared programme is ready for the morning in the Methodist Boys' School Chapel Hall, and another in the evening at the Methodist Central Church where the members of the St. Thomas Church, and also those of the St. Paul's Church are expected to come together.

May the Master be glorified through the N. M. S., activities here.

B. R. WILSON,
Secretary,
N. M. S., Branch, Meerut

THE MAR THOMA SUNDAY SCHOOL SAMAJAM AND MISSIONARY WORK

Mission Field.

To instil interest in the scholars in Missionary endeavours the Samajam has undertaken a Mission Work a Punalur (a rural area in Kerala). Three small congregations of converts are organized in this field. A full time evangelist and two teacher catechists are appointed to look after these congregations.

The Samajam runs five schools to strengthen its Missionary programme. It has started construction of a church for the congregation at Puthucadu at an estimated cost of Rs. 3000/-.

There is a residential High Schol at Edakulam, Kerala, working under the auspices of the Samajam. The School is run on a fellowship basis by the teachers themselves. No visitor to the School can escape being impressed by the spirit of harmony and co-operation among the teachers and the Christian atmosphere prevailing there.

The High School situated on the top of a hill surrounded by ever green forests and skirted by the river Pampa, provides a most charming site for the Sunday School Teachers' Training Institute held from time to time each year by the Samajam.

Mission Tour.

The Samajam arranges an annual mission tour, when teachers and scholars representing various schools visit the Mission Field and camp there for several days. The programme includes devotional meetings, house-visiting, personal work, open-air preaching, magic lantern meetings and such other items as would enable the scholars to have an active part in missionary work. Besides providing a happy experience of camp life, the Mission Tour gives boys opportunities of first hand experience in missionary work. The delegates, on their return report to the schools concerning their experiences and help to create wide interest in the missionary programme of the Samajam.

Trade Department.

The Samajam runs a Trade Department which makes available all articles needed for the Church as well as Sunday School. It stocks Flannelgraph Boards, Maps, Charts, Pictures and other aids for Sunday School Teaching. Wine, Wafer, Chalice, Paten, Collection Bags and such other articles are also available at the Trade Department.

Finance.

The scholars make the main contribution to the finance of the Samajam, the weekly collection in cash & kind being sent to the Samajam by the numerous schools. All Schools have showed commendable co-operation in the support of the Samajam during the report year. The income for the year will be about Rs. 15,000/-.

1956 has been a year of great blessing and progress for us in many ways. We are deeply grateful to the loving Lord for his bountiful mercies.

Rev. Dr. K. K. George,
General Secretary.

CHAIN OF PRAYER

We are thankful to God for the great opportunity that we got to join the Chain of Prayer which is arranged by the N.M.S. We started this great responsibility on 8th October at 6 a.m. 24 persons took part in the Prayer Chain and more than 35 gathered in group meetings which were held 4 times including the final one at 5 a.m. on 9th. We had devotional talks about the various aspects of prayer and also the necessity of launching out into the deep in the time of disappointment. We felt each one's responsibility to co-operate in the task of launching for souls by prayer.

The final group was indeed a blessing to everyone of us. We are thankful to our Lord for His mighty works in barren hearts of a few. We got new strength for winning souls. Everyone expressed his thanks to God in the way of testimony. Some of us pointed out how they lost Christ and found him again. Some others testified how the Holy Spirit

worked in their hearts. All expressed Victory through the blood of Christ. One Hindu girl also testified about Christ. We all experienced the changes which the prayer brought in our lives. Please remember us in your prayers.

Rev. P. V. PHILIP
Christa Mitra Ashram,
Ankola,
N. Kanara.

NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA

Financial Statement from 1st April to 31st October 1957.

RECEIPTS

Opening Balance			1,853	08
Punjab	60	00		
Bombay	906	50		
Kerala	793	53		
Delhi	745	45		
S. Kanara	2,514	51		
United Province	2,209	71		
Andhra	537	26		
North Tamil Area	709	01		
South Tamil Area	2,026	76		
N. M. I. and Deepikai	208	44		
Birthday Gift	143	00		
Advance to Executive Committee, adjusted	1,090	18		
Nepal	679	72		
Jawadi Hills	797	86		
Madras	1,187	37		
Madhya Pradesh	250	00		
Womens Evangelical Fellowship Puram	730	00		
Miscellaneous	405	05		
Out Side India	167	58		
Madras Ladies Auxiliary	2,719	91		
Bihar	184	00		
Rajasthan	40	00		
Interest on Securities	618	89		
Anonymous	1,456	00		
Calcutta & Bengal	329	00		
Puram School Grant	2,964	18		
Katteri ,, ,,	667	30		
Ankola ,, ,,	977	00		
Field Receipts	811	25		
Orissa	5	00		
Assam	25	00		
Madhya Bharath	25	00	26,984	46
Total including opening Balance			Rs. 28,837	54

EXPENDITURE

From 1st April to 31st October 1957.

Puram	5,957	75
do House Compensation (Mrs. R. C.)	2,500	00
Katteri	2,855	43
Ankola-Karwar	673	49
Kumta	852	00
Mission field Honavar	673	18
Headquarters	3,175	92
N.M.I. & Deepikai	1,632	91
Organising Secretary Tamilnad	1,569	65
„ „ N. India	263	97
Hony. General Secretary	825	98
Hony. Associate General Secretaries	207	14
Retirement allowance	700	00
Executive Committee expenditure	2,805	53
* General	2,062	30
Jawadi Hills	1,309	25
Nepal	570	00
Women fellowship Puram	260	32
Imprest a/c.	350	00
Total Expenditure	29,244	82
Excess over receipts met temporarily from the amount held in suspense	407	28
Rs.	28,837	54

* N. M. S. Sunday Ptg.	265	58
Hony. Deputation	531	09
Affiliation fees	50	00
Printing Charges	326	88
Corporation Tax	75	36
Bank Charges	294	71
Gospel Team etc.	156	87
U. P. Secretary	80	00
Miscellaneous	281	81

(Sd.) J. B. Masillamani,
Hon. Treasurer, N.M.S.

N. M. S. SECRETARY'S QUARTERS

The Secretary's quarters needs reconstruction as the building is very old and unfit for occupation. Any large expenditure on its repair will be a waste. So, it is proposed to put up a new building which may cost about Rs. 12,000/-. Will friends come forward to help?

8th DECEMBER 1957 – BIBLE SUNDAY

Individuals and Congregations are requested to observe the Day and Pray that the Lord may wonderfully bless His word.

BOOKS FOR SALE

Kailash saint in Tamil at reduced rate	...	Rs.	0	6 0
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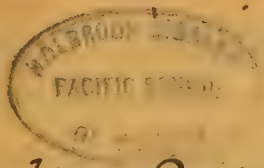

Christmas & New Year Greetings

The Members of the Executive Committee and the Office-bearers of the N. M. S. send their greetings and best wishes to all friends and supporters of the Society and wish them a blessed Christmas and prosperous New Year.

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PRAYER TOPICS

Let us thank God:

For the response and co-operation received from the various centres and individuals touched by the Gospel Team in the U. P. Area.

For enabling Miss K. Sircar to carry on work so zealously and for Mr. M. M. Mathai who has joined the Fellowship at Nepal.

For the good work done in Jawadi hills by Mr. & Mrs. Ezekiel Vedanayagam.

For the ordination of Mr. S. Gnanasundaramani, our missionary in Puram.

For the success of the N. M. S. Sale at Madura.

Let us pray:

That God may give speedy cure to Mrs. R. Gnanadikam who has just been operated.

For the guidance of Mr. Hari Pani Jennah to start evangelistic work at Ishapanthi Ashram, Puri and for another Evangelist to join him.

That God may richly bless His children, especially the poor and the needy that they may be made happy during Christmas-tide; that real peace may prevail in the world and the efforts of the leaders of nations may prevent suspicion, hatred and causes for war and strife.

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"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"
"and lo, I am with you alway,
even unto the end of the world—*Amen.*"

Christmas and New Year Message

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

The Christmas message is one of LOVE—supreme Love —for Christ's coming was the expression of God's great love for His children.

During this season we too express our love to one another by our gifts and remembrances of cheer and goodwill. But that is not enough. There seems to be a greater need than ever of love in our daily lives. A happy Christmas must be an experience spreading across the year.

Life seems to have become more complex and more difficult of recent years. Rising costs and ever increasing problems from every side are responsible for this and we Christians have a bigger challenge to face than any other community in our country. It is not surprising therefore, that under this strain and stress we become more irritable with one another and dissatisfied with ourselves. Let us make a special effort this New Year to practise more love in our homes, in our work contacts and in our neighbourhood. *By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples—that ye love one another.*

MRS. M. KRISHNAYYA,
Vice-President.

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THE SOUTH INDIA N. M. S. GOSPEL TEAM IN NORTH INDIA AND M. P.

The long-looked-for itinerary of the N. M. S. Gospel Team has now come to an end, but it is hoped it is not the last and that such spiritual 'stunts' shall be performed periodically to awaken the Christians from their stupor.

The South India Gospel Team consisting of Dr. A. C. Abraham, Hon'y General Secretary, N. M. S. of India, Dr. S. Jesudason and Mr. C. P. Michael accompanied by Miss M. M. Singh, Hon'y Secretary, N. M. S., U P. Area and Mr. A. V. Singh, Organising Secretary, North India, had a heavy programme, no doubt, to go through in every place but the members, full of religious fervour and zeal for evangelism did not spare themselves in the least. With the grace of God they steadily went about in the best of spirit, full of spiritual ardour to expound the central theme of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our Lord. It was noticed that they were not at all inclined to visit places of relaxation or to spend time on sight-seeing, as they were anxious to form contacts that would enable them to further the cause of the N. M. S.

Dr. A. C. Abraham, through his soul-stirring messages threw a challenge in every place for the need of consecrated young men and women to become 'labourers' into God's Field, bearers of the GOOD NEWS of Salvation to those who have not heard it, 'Ambassadors' of God, 'Epistles of Jesus Christ,' Prophets of Evangelism like Jonah and so forth thus linking up the history of the N. M. S. and laying emphasis on its aims and objects, its achievements and needs, its successes and failures. In every place he had to address the United Church Services and was listened to with rapt attention and deep appreciation. The sincerity and forthrightness of his messages evoked favourable responses by way of (1) re-orientation in thinking on the importance of Evangelism (2) admission of failures of the Church and Christian Institutions in recent years to produce young ministers for the Church of Jesus Christ; it is only a negligible number which in the North is coming in for the Ministry (3) Personal offers for the service through the N. M. S. (4) Good responses for financial support.

Dr. S. Jesudason brought all his saintliness to bear upon his messages, every word of which was the out come of his life of great service and sacrifice. He laid great emphasis on Christ-like life and Christ-centred witness which alone can make the propagation of the Gospel effective and meaningful. Any amount of preaching is in vain if our lives are rotten. "Let your life so shine among men....." Although he spoke in Churches, his work was mainly among the students who, after he had spoken to them, clung around him and visited him for further discussions and instructions. Dr. Jesudason was of tremendous inspiration to all who came in contact with him. He was all along anxious to live and move among the students and the youth.

Mr. C. P. Michael's messages were invariably based on India's cultural and spiritual background and values which are fertile ground for the Gospel seed to sprout giving scope for the Indian Christian initiative and leadership in Evangelism and the Gospel of Peace. The message of the N. M. S. being born on the Christmas Day of 1905 is the Message of the first Christmas which was first given to the shepherds symbolical of the mass of humanity living in rural India. All these aspects were suitably illustrated with appropriate paintings which vividly brought home the point relating to the contribution of India which is the shape of the crucifix to the propagation of the Gospel. Mount Everest, the highest spot in the world and Kanya Kumari (Cape Comorin) symbolical of purity were interwoven in his discourses for the indigenous interpretation of the message of the Gospel to the teeming millions of India and the world who are still living in the darkness of sin and ignorance of the Gospel message. His frequent reference to the conversion and life of Sadhu Sunder Singh offered a challenge to the younger men to follow in his footsteps and to interpret Christianity as he did suiting it to the soil of the country. He manifested remarkable zeal for Evangelism.

All three of them spoke in Churches, to students of all stages and development and youth at the School and College Chapels and Youth Rallies, to adults at informal Cottage meetings, at tea-parties, receptions, lunches, and to individuals. Meals were arranged in various homes with a view to enabling them to form personal contacts in informal surroundings.

The following Diary shows the extent of the work they tackled during their Itinerary :—

The Gospel Team at Delhi

Delhi—September 22 and 24, 1957. Dr. S. Jesudason was substituted by Mr. S. Balasingam Satya whose discourses were also full of ardour for Evangelism which is the main object of his 'beloved N.M.S.'

September 22, 1957
Sunday morning Service in Churches :—

St. Thomas' Church, Reading Road, Delhi—Dr. A. C. Abraham.

Union Chapel, Daryaganj—Mr. C. P. Michael.

Lodhi Colony Church—Mr. S. Balasingam Satya.

The following members of the All-India Executive Committee also spoke in the morning Worship Services in Churches noted against their names :—

St. Stephen's Church—The Rt. Rev. J. Amritanand.
Central Baptist Church—Rev. J. D. Asirvadam.
Trinity Church—Rev. M. M. John.
Baptist Church, Karol Bagh—Rev. R. C. Das.
New Delhi Methodist Church—Miss K. Sircar.
Dhaka Church, Timarpur—Mr. S. Deva Prasad.

5-30 p.m. United Service at Christ Church (Methodist) Dr. A. C. Abraham addressed a packed audience. The Service was assisted by a special Choir. Dr. Abraham, General Secretary was presented with purses containing about 850/- by the Treasurer of the Delhi Province N.M.S. Area at the Service and at the Community Lunch that followed the Service.

8-00 ,, Community Lunch.

September 24, 1957

Evening Services :—

Diplomatic Enclave Area—Dr. A. C. Abraham
Karol Bagh—Mr. S. Balasingam Satya
Turkman Gate—Mr. C. P. Michael.

1-00 p.m. Lunch at the home of Dr. Mrs. Phillips who invited all the members of the local N.M.S. Branch Executive Committee and enabled the members of the Gospel Team to meet and exchange ideas.

5-30 ,, United Service at the Central Methodist Church—Speaker—Dr. A. C. Abraham.

10-40 ,, Departure from Agra. Dr. Jesudason left Agra the next day by the day train.

The Gospel Team at Meerut

September 25, 1957

9-20 a.m. Arrival of the Gospel Team at Meerut. Mr. B. R. Wilson, Mr. Peoples, Rev. Baldeo Singh, Mr. E. W. Seth and other friends were at the stations to receive them. Hosts—Mr. and Dr. (Mrs.) E. W. Seth, Ahmed Road, Meerut.

2-00 p.m. Mr. C. P. Michael accompanied by Mr. A. V. Singh and Miss M. M. Singh visited a few homes to form personal contacts.

5-30 ,, Reception at St. Thomas' Girls' School, Meerut, arranged by the newly-organised Local N. M. S. Branch.

7-00 ,, A United Service at the St. Thomas' Church addressed by Dr. A. C. Abraham who gave the history of the N.M.S. and the need of its existence in the present set-up of India in such challenging terms that the Rev. Canon Ansari who presided over the Service made a strong appeal for funds for the Society and unexpectedly requested the stewards to take the collection. A donation of Rs. 50/- was immediately promised by a friend and the collection taken on the spot amounted to Rs. 43/1/-. This was a proof of awakening among the Christians by the first message of the Gospel Team. The total subscriptions handed over to Miss M. M. Singh from Meerut and Khatauli amounted to Rs. 159/-.

September 26, 1957

7-00 a.m. Address delivered by Dr. A. C. Abraham to the students of the Plested Memorial Girls' Inter College.

9-30 ,, All the three addressed simultaneously the Primary, Junior, Senior Sections of St. Thomas' Girls' High School.

5-30 p.m. Youth Fellowship meeting in the Methodist Mission Compound addressed by Mr. Balasingam Satya and Dr. A. C. Abraham.

6-00 ,, Cottage meeting in the Nurses' Quarters of the Dufferin Hospital—Mr. C. P. Michael.

9-00 p.m. After-dinner Cottage meetings (1) At Mr. Nathaniel Lal's (2) At Mr. Michael's (3) St. Thomas' School Hall addressed by the three members simultaneously.

September 27, 1957

7-30 a.m. Cottage meeting at Mr. E. Deva Lal's—Mr. C. P. Michael. Interesting questions on evangelism were put to the members over a cup of tea and discussed in a cordial spirit.

10-30 ,, Departure for Khatauli, Dist. Muzaffarnagar, a distance of about 20 miles.

12-30 p.m. Lunch at Rev. Sagar's place. Rev. Sagar is the District Superintendent of the M.E. Mission and the Manager of the Pickett Higher Secondary School, Khatauli.

3-00 ,, Service at the Methodist Church—Speaker Dr. A. C. Abraham.

4-30 ,, Afternoon tea with Mr. S. R. Peters, Headmaster, Pickett High School and Member of the U. P. Area Committee.

Contacts were made with the Staff and other authorities of the High School.

5-30 ,, Departure from Khatauli

6-20 „ Arrival at Meerut

7-00 „ Pre-dinner Cottage meeting at the home of Captain Jethro, Deputy Director of Education, Meerut Region, addressed by Mr. Balasingam Satya in his own inimitable style.

8-30 „ Dinner at Captain Jethro's place which is being mentioned because of profitable exchange of ideas on the burning question of evangelism.

September 28, 1957

8-10 a.m. Departure of the Gospel Team from Meerut to the South.

The Gospel Team at Agra

October 28, 1957

The Gospel Team returned to the North and arrived at Agra in the afternoon, the train being two hours late. Dr. S. Jesudason arrived the next day. Hosts—Miss M. E. Gibbs and Mr. Chandy, Professor and Principal respectively of St. John's College, Agra.

5-30 p.m. Address by Dr. A. C. Abraham at St. John's College Hall. His moving message based on II Kings 7 : 9–12 set the thinking people in a reflective mood.

8-15 „ Monday meeting of leaders of Churches and Institutions held at Sikandra—Speaker—Mr. C. P. Michael.

October 29, 1957

8-45 a.m. Talk to the teachers of St. John's High School—Dr. A. C. Abraham.

10-00 „ Chapel Talk to the senior students, mostly Non-Christian boys of St. John's Inter College—Speaker Dr. A. C. Abraham.

12-40 p.m. Mr. C. P. Michael addressed the Senior students of Queen Victoria Girls' Inter College.

5-00 ,, All three spoke simultaneously at three different places (1) Dr. Abraham at Sikandra meeting (2) Mr. C. P. Michael at Havelock Church (3) Dr. S. Jesudason at the St. John's College Hall.

8-30 ,, S.C.M., Agra, addressed by Dr. S. Jesudason and Mr. C. P. Michael.

10-00 ,, Cottage meeting at Mr. and Mrs. Daniels' addressed by Mr. Michael. All the members of the Team and the two from U. P. accompanying them attended the meeting.

October 30, 1957

8-00 a.m. Holman Institute—Speaker—Mr. C. P. Michael.

9-30 ,, Trip to Fort, Taj and I'tmaduddaulah

The Gospel Team at Kanpur

October 31, 1957

5-30 a.m. Arrival at Kanpur. Hosts Rev. Jacob R. Rafi, Priest—in-Charge, Christ Church, and Mr. Chako, Professor, Christ Church College.

8-30 ,, Girls' High School Chapel—Speaker—Dr. A. C. Abraham.

6-30 ,, Service at Christ Church—Speaker— Mr. C. P. Michael.

November 1, 1957

6-30 a.m. All Saints' Day Holy Communion—Team.

8-30 ,, Girls' High School Chapel—Mr. C. P. Michael.

9-45 ,, Hudson Memorial Girls' School Chapel—Dr. S. Jesudason.

9-00 ,, Epiphany Girls' School Chapel—Speaker—Dr. A. C. Abraham.

10-00 ,, to 12-00 noon Visit to Cooper Allen Leather Factory.

6-30 p.m. Service at Christ Church—Speaker—Dr. A. C. Abraham.

6 to 9 p.m. Dr. Jesudason visited the students of the Christ Church Hostel and made friends with them.

November 2, 1957

7-30 a.m. Meeting of the Nurses at St. Catherine's Hospital addressed by Dr. A. C. Abraham.

9-00 ,, Hudson Memorial School Chapel—Dr. A. C. Abraham.

9.30 ,, S.C.M. Kanpur, addressed by Dr. Jesudason.

10-00 ,, Christ Church High School Chapel (non-Christians included) Mr. C. P. Michael.

11-20 ,, Dr. S. Jesudason gave a talk at the Christ Church College Assembly to students and staff holding different religious faith. The students gathered round him after the talk and some visited him in his room.

6-00 p.m. Dr. A. C. Abraham addressed the Christian Convention which was being held at the Central Methodist Church which was packed.

6-30 p.m. Service at the Christ Church—Dr. S. Jusudason.

10-00 ,, Departure Kanpur.

(to be continued)

Circular

Dear (All Secretaries/Conveners, N. M. S. Branches/ Programme Committees)

The members of the N. M. S. Gospel Team successfully completed their Gospel Mission and left U. P. on November 18, '57. I have now great pleasure in expressing my grateful thanks to you and the members of the local N.M S. Branch Programme Committee for your help and co-operation in making the mission of the Gospel Team a splendid success. The affection with which you and the local friends received the members of the Gospel Team has been immensely appreciated by them. They have gone away with very happy memories of all the places visited by them individually or collectively. Personally I have no words to thank you for

all you did for them. I can only say "THANK YOU WITH ALL MY HEART."

It is now the high Christian duty of all of you who are the members of the National Missionary Society to carry the TORCH of the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST to those who are still in the darkness of sin, suffering and despair. What we have received we must share with others. May the Lord bless you all and appoint you to the highest post of "AMBASSADOR" for His great KINGDOM which excels all the kingdoms of the earth.

Yours Sincerly,
(Kumari) M. M. SINGH
Hon'y Secretary.
N.M.S. U.P. Area.

Mission Press Building,
170 (1), Noorullah Road,
Allahabad.

To,

All the friends mentioned above.

Dear friends,

I join with Miss M. M. Singh in expressing to you my sincere and heart-felt thanks for the love and affection and generous hospitality shown to me and the other members of the Gospel Team during our visit to the North.

"Never let your zeal flag; maintain the spiritual glow; serve the Lord" and may your interest and generous support continue to help the Society to take the good tidings of great joy to all people.

Wishing you a happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year,

Yours in Christ,
A. C. ABRAHAM,
Hon. Gen. Secretary and leader of the N.M.S.
South India Gospel Team

Hughes Town,
Hyderabad Dn.
10—12—57

LETTER FROM NEPAL

Dear Friends,

My last letter in the N.M.I., gave you the news that our voluntary Evangelistic Fellowship had been started at Butwol in October. We shared with you the glad news of the wonderful way God had provided for our needs and enabled us to get into touch with people.

We had enjoyed only one week of deep rich fellowship when our great enemy launched his attack, to discourage and disrupt our fellowship. Mr. Sam John got seriously ill and grew weaker day by day, as we could not get the right food stuff here to build up his strength. Ultimately he and his wife had to go down to Allahabad so that he might get back his health. They began to feel the cold air and breeze also very much. They left on 5th November. I was thus again alone here for about three weeks. Your prayers and God's gracious presence upheld me in a marvellous way. One of our young volunteers from Travancore was in training for Nepal work in Sihora Ashram, Madya Pradesh, learning Hindi and the sacrificial group life. I wrote to him to come up soon and join me here, when I heard definitely from Mrs. John that they would not be able to continue to work in Nepal, as the climate did not suit their health.

God sent me much joy, encouragement and inspiration through the kind visit of the N.M.S. Gospel Team. Our General Secretary Dr. A. C. Abraham, Mr. C. P. Michael and Mr. A. V. Singh arrived here on 17th November rather unexpectedly as their letter had not reached me. Post takes a long time to come from Bharat. It was a very pleasant surprise to see them. Their visit was all too brief, but they were able to go around and study the locality, meet our friends and discuss the whole plan of future work in Nepal.

On 27th November Mr. & Mrs. Sam John returned for a few days to pack up their things. They brought with them our young Evangelist Shri M. M. Mathai who had joined them in Allahabad, from Sihora Ashram. Shri Mathai had some very happy days in Allahabad, meeting N.M.S. friends and giving his testimony in some of the churches there. Allahabad N.M.S. friends supplied him with all the woollen clothing and extra warm bedding he needed for Nepal.

Individual gifts of warm articles were given by different friends, meeting all his needs. He was much touched by all the gifts and even more by the loving thought which prompted such gifts. Such thoughtful acts cheer and warm the heart. Allahabad friends also sent us for our fellowship much fruit, vegetables, medicines and food stuff, not generally available here. We really felt so grateful to see such practical evidence of all the remembrance and prayers of our friends to share in our life here.

Brother Mathai has already proved a very useful member of the Fellowship. In Sihora Ashram he learnt many practical things which have come in very handy here. We have no servant now, they are very expensive here, so I was glad and surprised to find how much good kitchen training he had at Sihora. The foundation of our Fellowship is being laid on sound and deep foundation of spiritual and practical basis of life. God has indeed chosen the right young labourer for his field here at Butwol. We hope the U. P. Area Committee will send us two more evangelists in place of Mr. & Mrs. Sam John.

I was a little troubled at first at our new approach of evangelistic work, other than institutional i.e., making contacts through service by medical work or school work. But God is opening the way for us. I was led to meditate on the wonderful way in the Acts of the Apostles when the Holy Spirit led St. Peter to meet Counclius; and Philip to meet the Ethiopean enquirer. God knows His own chosen ones ready to hear of His redeeming love and salvation and He alone will introduce us to all such. Already there are ten such people with whom we have become sufficiently friendly to be able to share our Christian faith and experience and Christian literature. In some ways it is easier not to have an institutional approach. They ask us what is to be our work here, when we say that we are here for "Dharam Prachar", at once they ask questions on religious faith and thus we get an opportunity.

Another approach is likely to be through social contacts. The educated people here have no social life. We hope to open a weekly club. The Sam Johns brought a badminton set which we have put up. This is a great attraction. From badminton games we can lead them to a study circle of

deeper problems of life. They all feel the need of such social life and greatly welcome the idea of a social and literary club. The educated people understand English, Hindi and even Hindustani, but the villagers speak only Nepali. I started learning Nepali from a teacher on 1st November. The script is Hindi and the words are Nepali. So, it will not be very difficult for us.

By the time you get t his letter, Christmas will be near, so we send you our warmest greetings for a very happy and blessed Christmas and New Year from our Butwol Fellowship. As we all seek to understand afresh the great mystery and gift of divine incarnation, God becoming flesh and dwelling on earth to establish the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of love, we pray that each of us, wherever we may be may strive to become incarnate centres of love. Love is needed so much in the world today. May we Christians reflect in our daily lives the divine beauty and power of love in practical acts of love and sacrificial life.

With our prayers and wishes,

Your sister in His blessed fellowship,
KOMOLINI SIRCAR.

P.S. We shall be most grateful for any gifts of books in Hindi, English or Nepali for our Library here.

C/o Shri Rudra Bahadur Rana Bhatt,
Kausali, Butwol, Nepal,
Via Nautanwa, Dt. Gorakhpur,
3-12-1957.

NEWS FROM JAWADI HILLS

For the last five months we have been doing medical, educational and chiefly Gospel work in eight different centres in the Jawadi Hills. As a result of our work, adults and children, men and women of this hill-area have come to know something of Jesus Christ. In Velichanur, a leper who was suffering for a long time heard about Jesus Christ, told us of his sufferings and asked us when these sufferings would end. He also said that he had belief in Jesus Christ and died after some time with faith in the true God. The

patient had already learnt something of Christ from the Brothers at the Christu-kula Ashram.

In Puliyur there was a teacher belonging to Vellala caste who was in Jawadi Hills for 12 years. He too was in touch with the Ashram Brothers and had come to know of Jesus Christ; but he never accepted Him publicly. Just before his death, we had been to him and told him about the Saviour. He actually wept for his sins and confessed them. He had put his wife and daughter under our oversight before he had passed away. He has left behind his wife, a daughter of ten years and a boy who is studying in the III Fom. The family needs your prayers.

Due to cold weather we have not been conducting our Night School regularly. In the night classes we tell the pupils about Jesus Christ in the form of stories.

In medical work also God has blessed us. The patients have faith in our prayers and in the healing power of Jesus Christ.

In Velichanur, another village, a pregnant woman was having labour pains for five days. While I was on tour, I noticed the gathering of men and women near her hut. She asked me to pray for her during her sufferings. Later on she gave birth to a still born Child; but the mother was safe from danger. Now she is in a hospital recuperating at Alangayam.

At Palathur, for about two weeks Gospel work has been going on. Some of the people there are good musicians who know to play on some Musical instruments like Harmonium, Mridangam etc., I also joined them in singing and have given them the Gospel message. In this way we carry on day to day work and we ask for your prayers in all our activities.

MR. & MRS. EZEKIEL VEDANAYAGAM,
Evangelist, Jawadi Hills.

OUR VISIT TO THE MAR THOMA ASHRAMS AT SATNA AND SIHORA, AND TO CHRISTIANS IN REWA TOWN

While at Kotma on October 12—15, we decided to visit the Mar Thoma Ashrams, with which Rev. S. Gnanabaranam had kept intimate contacts from 1942 in the case of Sihora in Jabalpur District, and from 1952 in the case of the Satna CHRISTYA BANDHU KULAM. In N.M.S. circles there has been an earnest desire that our new medical work be organised on fellowship basis. When I reached Shahdol on 9th October I was happy to find that our doctor and the nurses who lived together was already a closely knit spiritual fellowship, spending regular times in prayer. It was to me a great inspiration to come into contact with this joyous, singing group delighting to wait on the Lord, using the Word of God diligently. When the doctor has to wait to gather in the medicines and minimum equipment, we felt it on would be well to come into fellowship with these live groups either side of Katni.

So leaving in the Allahabad carriage from Shahdol early morning 2-30 on Friday the 25th, we reached Satna at 11 a.m. waiting at Katni for over 2 hours. To our surprise, we found that the Kulam members were celebrating the 5th anniversary of their work. Mar Thoma Bishop Theophilus and Mr. C. T. Venugopal, M.Sc., F.C.S., Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India, Railway Board had already arrived as convention speakers. Both Dr. Ramabai and I were given full opportunities to speak and share in the deliberations of the Convention. Besides local Christians working in the Railway and Government Offices, a large number of the friends of the *Kulam* were present mostly from Rewa Town, and also Jabalpur, Itarsi, Allahabad etc. On Saturday evening our doctor and I spoke at the Church along with Mr. Venugopal, the Bishop presiding. On Sunday the Bishop conducted the worship and I presided. After Holy Communion Service, and chota, there was the anniversary meeting at which besides the report of the Acharya, the Secretary of the friends of the C. B. Kulam presented a separate report, which revealed how a large number of mainly Malayalee youth stand by the work of the Ashram, raise money to put up buildings, and also share in the activities of the Kulam members when they attend Conventions, or spend their holidays at the Ashram.

On the invitation of the Rewa men and women at the Satna Convention, Dr. Ramabai and I spent a day at Rewa —the doctor staying with Vellore friends now working at the 375 bed hospital at Rewa, and I with the students at the Agricultural College. At the N. M. S meeting 50 men and women were present and they evinced a keen interest in the work in Shahdol and organised a branch to help our work also.

Later we went to Sihora, Mr. Venugopal and an American research student at Delhi who had accompanied Mr. Venugopal to Satna joining us at Satna Station en route to Sihora. The doctor stayed in the house for the women members of the Ashram, a mile from the station, and I at the home for the men members five miles away. We arrived on Tuesday the 29th afternoon and had time to look around and see for ourselves something of their activities. After sunset, a period of silence was observed, and after supper, I spoke at the complines.

At the Retreat which began with Holy Communion, I spoke on II Cor. 4, vv. 7-18 with Treasure in Earthern Vessels being the theme. After Dr. Ramabai, and Dr. Naidu, a recent convert, having given their testimonies, Mr. Venugopal spoke of his conversion and the need to take Jesus at His Word. Referring to the believer's longing in Ps. 42, and the believer's satisfaction in the King, he reviewed the first section of Romans (1-8), and spoke of looking at Jesus, fairer than ten thousand, from whose love nothing can separate us. The Bishop who preached at the Communion Service on the Saviour's bringing the Samaritan woman to force the issue she was trying to evade brought the Retreat to a close speaking of the authority and all sufficiency of Jesus.

This visit to these Mar Thoma Christian groups was of very great interest and spiritual help to us. Through these contacts we enter into a wider fellowship of Christian workers, and the Bishop and the members of the two Ashrams and Mr. Venugopal have promised to visit our staff from time to time. When the Bishop is at Pendra Road on the 18th, he has promised to visit Dr. Ramabai on the 19th, and Mr. Venugopal will visit later in the year. For all these helpful spiritual contacts made possible as we are getting

things ready for the opening of the hospital, we are profoundly thankful to God.

J. D. ASIRVADAM,
Shahdol: 14-11-1957.

Dr. (Miss) RAMABAI GOPAL, B.A., M.B., B.S., D.O.
(Our new missionary to old Rewa State)

Ramabai Gopal who had long ago dedicated herself to serve in Rewa as missionary, and who was appointed as medical missionary to Shahdol by the Lutheran Committee was accepted by the N.M.S. Executive on September 21, 1957 as missionary to Shahdol in old Rewa State. The Officers of the Andhra Lutheran Church and the Rev. J. Kumaresan representing the Lutheran N. M. S. laid their hands on Dr. Ramabai Gopal at St. Paul's Church, Rajahmundry and with solemn prayer set her apart for the work whereunto the Holy Spirit had called her. She with two nurses left Andhra on October 4, and reached Shahdol on the 9th. After attending the N. M. S. Executive at New Delhi, and visiting the congregations of the Madhya Pradesh Lutheran Church, I found to my great joy that the Lord had consummated her desire and brought her into residence to her long prayed for field, and she had with her equally consecrated co-workers, Miss N. Marthamma, and Miss M. Devadanam who with the doctor functions as a closely knit spiritual fellowship, giving much time to waiting on the Lord in Bible study, and prayer. Their good singing keep them happy and confident in the Lord.

All our missionaries in our Shahdol and Murwahi fields gathered at a Retreat at Christ Church, Kotma on October 12 & 13, and later Dr. Ramabai and I could visit Baikuntpur of old Korea State (15 : 17), and Ambikapur and other centres in Surguja (18 : 21), and after a few days at Shahdol visited Mar Thoma groups at Satna **(Christya Bandhu Kulam)**. Rewa where about 100 young men and women live, working in Government Offices and the Government Hospital and who come together every Sunday for worship according to the Malayalam liturgy, and at Sihora (Christa Panthi Ashram). Satna was celebrating its fifth anniversary when a convention

was held on Oct. 25–27. There were about 200 who partook of the lunch on Sunday when a large number of the **'Friends of the Kulam'** had come from Jabalpur, Allahabad, Rewa etc. Both at the Satna Convention and the Sihora Retreat on Oct. 30 both Dr. Ramabai and I were asked to speak along with Bishop Theophilus Mar Thoma, and Mr. C. T. Venugopal. By her testimony as to how the Lord took hold of her to become a missionary to Rewa, her songs in Telugu and English, and her friendly approach to people, she became dear to everyone she contacted and won their love and personal interest in the work she is soon to start. The Bishop, Mr. Venugopal, the Ashram members at Satna and Sihora and many others in this area have promised to visit her and stand by her work in prayer. We are very happy that this visit has resulted in a new desire for these national efforts in this difficult area with a common missionary objective to stand together in love, mutual interest, closer contacts and prayer.

We have obtained an attractive building on the important Burhar Road leading to Rewa Town, 100 miles away where the staff can live in 3 rooms upstairs, which will be ready for occupation by Nov. 15, thus releasing the 4 rooms downstairs for the dispensary and a ward for 4 inpatients. On the 46' x 8' verandah on the ground floor which was screened off over the parapet wall to be used as a chapel, the first organised worship for all Christians in the town mostly working in the Railway Department was held on Sunday, Nov. 3. Susheel Kumar, our first convert from Karhani who took a 3 year course at Betul Bible School when he was still a minor, and who was baptized on July 15, 1956 at Kotma was confirmed, and this was followed by 25 persons participating at the Lord's Table. About 50 were present, of whom 2 Overseers & 3 Clerks in the Irrigation Dept. are from Kerala, who are among our active helpers. We are everywhere trying to stress that in this area where we could not preach Christ until 7 years ago, the presence of a large number of good Christian youngmen and women is a real asset to the missionary work of our Churches. It is our N. M. S. principle to stress that every true believer is a witness to Christ to his neighbour, and a soul winner.

We have been making good contacts with the officials in the town. Even last year two Hindu friends, an advocate

and a merchant who sold us our 13 acre N.M.S. site were warmly interested in our medical work. They were both helpful when Dr. V. E. Zigler, and Dr. G. S. Gesler inspected our site to advise us regarding the lay out of roads, and plans for the needed buildings. Pastor Spencer has resided here since last February and has made wider contacts.

On Nov. 7–10, we visited the Bilaspur and Mungeli Hospitals. We are grateful to Dr. (Miss) Nicholson and Dr. (Miss) Solomon of Bilaspur, and Dr. and Mrs. Sukhnandan, Mrs. Rambo, the doctors of the Eye-Clinics and Chowdri brothers for all the help they have given. If Miss Collison of Baikuntpur put us in touch with outside firms, the friends at Bilaspur and Mungeli have helped to get our preparations to open the dispensary finalised. As the needed rooms upstairs are ready for occupation as residence for the medical staff, we are beginning the Hospital work in the last week of November, beginning with a Service of Dedication on Sunday, the 24th at 9 a.m., at which the Rev. S. Gnanabaranam will preach the dedication sermon. The maternity table donated by Kugler has arrived in time to be fitted at the clinic downstairs, where the work begins on Monday, the 25th. Dr. Ramabai Gopal sends her cordial thanks to all who have already given a warm place in their hearts for this much needed medical ministry in the area. All of us associated at this time with the medical staff thank God for all that our supporting Churches are doing to find adequate support for this additional special ministry, and for the streadily growing circle of new friends also. In these critical initial months, the doctor very earnesly asks for your love, interest, and prayers, and fellowship also through your letters.

N.M.S. House,
Shahdol (M. Pr)
22-11-1957.

J. D. ASIRVADAM.

N. M. S. HOSPITAL, SAHADOL, M.P.

24th November 1957.

On this Sunday, 24th November 1957, we had at the chapel in the rented quarters an inspiring service of dedication, followed by Holy Communion. "Fear not, Little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the

Kingdom.....a treasure in heaven which faileth not....." Luke 12: 12, 32-4 was the sermon text on the occasion. Dr. Ramabai Gopal, the daughter of the Rev. C. R. Gopal, a devoted friend of the N. M. S. who directed her early to the need of this area, and Nurses Marthamma and M. Devadanam have entered on this ministry trusting in the promise 'My Grace is sufficient for Thee'.

On this momentous day our thoughts went up to God in praise for His gracious and marvellous guidance step by step, and to all friends of the N. M. S. especially to all the members of the supporting Churches who through many years laboured to preach the gospel in this area, and who have with joy and hope undertaken the additional responsibility for this much—needed Christian medical ministry in this wide area, and to the growing circle of the friends of the Sahadol Medical work who are coming into intimate spiritual connection with the doctor and her staff. We send our cordial thanks to all to whom this work is dear and request their continued interest and prayers.

With special greetings to the Officers of the N. M. S. forwarded through the Secretary of the L. N. M. S.

(Sd.)
Rewa, C. M. H.
A. Abraham,
Sister Tutor, G. M. Hospital,
Rewa.

(Sd.) Ramabai Gopal
N. Martha
M. Devadanam
T. Spencer, Shadol
V. S. Krupadanam,
Murwahi
Sudharam Gupta,
Kotma
E. Susheel Kumar,
Karhani

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

The monthly camp was held in Kottapathy village from 25th to 27th October. Kottapathy village is about a mile away from Kagankarai Station.

It was said that ten years back ashram brothers camped there and that the people were eager to welcome us and that there was a great demand for the Gospel portions. Three

people were converted from this village years back, and they are living in other places. I believe that if we could concentrate in this area, we can be sure of a good harvest:

Our readers will know that our work was mostly among the villagers in the Tirupattur Taluk. It was felt that work should be started among the educated public in Tirupattur town and in the surrounding places. Very many among the educated people have been longing for such meetings. We are happy to say that by God's grace we have started religious meetings.

The first meeting was held on 6-11-57 in the Rama Krishna High School in Tirupattur. Sri Siva Gurunatha Mudaliar, B.A., B.L., Munsiff presided. Sadhu Matthai of Manganam Ashram gave a stirring talk on the subject "Sarvodhaya and the Kingdom of God." He pointed out as to how the Sarvodhaya, started by Mahatma Gandhi and later on developed by Vinobaji and Jai Prakash Narain, has its origin in the Kingdom of God as set forth by Christ in His parable of "The Labourers in the Vineyard'— from which Ruskin has taken the title for his book to this Last." Sarvodhaya aims at a stateless, classless order of Society—Stateless Socialism—based on truth and non-violence and that love being the greatest force to achieve everything and that all that we have, even our talents, to be held as trust for the good of all.

The speaker pointed out that the idea of the 'Kingdom of God' had its origin in the mind of Christ and that it had its supernatural possibilities, resources and powers to redeem this world. It is centred in God who is the Father of us all and as such we are brothers.

The speaker pointed out that the church lost the vision of the supernatural possibilities, resources and powers of the kingdom and substituted the powers of law and order which were copied from the Government. So the saying—the empire converted the church. The social concern of the Kingdom has been forgotten by the church and the present move in India is an eye opener to the church.

Change of heart is what is needed for the attainment of Sarvodhaya. Image of God is in every man and if an appeal is made man will respond. That is one half and the other half is

with the transcendent God. Conversion in an individual is realised by association with an integrated personality. A man can live for a cause, but the highest force is by friendship and fellowship. Integration of human personality is possible by association with Christ, and without fellowship and integration one receives from Christ, no one can enter the Kingdom of God.

Sarvodhaya came two thousand years ago. So those interested should find out whether anything can be got from the 'Kingdom of God' which Christ preached.

We are grateful to all who have contributed to the success of the meeting and we are indebted to Dr. Raja Savariroyan who was responsible for this arrangement. We hope to have monthly meetings and we need your prayers.

GNANASUNDARAMANI,
Missionary, Puram.

CHRISTIAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF HINDUISM

(Report of Banaras Institutes and other work, Oct. Nov. 1957)
(Under the auspices of the N.M.S.)

Altogether five batches of students and some individuals have attended these sessions of study. The first batch was made up of three - one each from Bengal, Bihar and Orissa. The second consisted of six students of Serampore College led by Prof. Hudson. The third group of 2 students came from the United Theological Seminary of Bareilly (U. P.) and the fourth party of 19 students and one Professor Dr. Herbert Jai Singh - were from the Leonard Theological College of Jabalpur (M. P.). The individuals have been one Sadhu (itinerant evangelist), a retired man from the Survey Department and a retired Pastor from U.P. now interested in voluntary work. In January this year Leonard also sent a party of 19 for a week to Banaras.

I was also invited to Bareilly for 10 days in September to give a course on Modern Religious Movements within Hinduism to the students and staff of the Seminary and to lead in the chapel meditations. Before the Leonard students

came with me to Varanasi recently I was at Jabalpur for a short period and answered various questions on Hinduism asked by the students.

In the class work at Varanasi different topics have been taken up such as - gods and goddesses, Idolatry, Ashram and Sanyas, Vedic Religion, Hindu Ethics, Shastras, caste, Christian approach to Hinduism etc. Excursions have been undertaken to religious and cultural institutions—temples, Ashrams, the University and Sarnath (Buddhist centre) to see something of Hinduism in action. Some personal work among Hindus has been done. The day's work has been prefaced by a study of the Word of God for half an hour—passages from the Bible giving inspiration for our work. The day's work has ended with united worship and music of an indigenous pattern. Such work should be profitable for would - be leaders of the church who have been challenged by the need of simplicity and sacrifice, purity and spirituality in our approach to Hindus. It has been an uplifting experience for me to meet this heterogeneous company professing a high mission.

R. C. DAS—*Varanasi.*

Suppliment to the N. M. I.

THE FORGET - ME - NOTS OF THE BLESSED TIME OF THE N. M. S. GOSPEL TEAM

My Dear Friends,

By now, I am sure you have heard from our leader how deeply we are grateful to one and all of you for your generous hospitality and the special part played by you during our crowded engagements in your beautiful cities of historic importance. I would like to be a silent partner of the Ministry of the Gospel Team in your midst. Nevertheless, I am led to write a few words lest we should forget the great mission on which we set out with the balmy breeze of Kannya-Kumari—Chastity personified as chaste virgins of the Church of Christ (II Cor. XI : 2; Rev. 21, 2, 9.) Nor can I help sharing the spell of my pilgrimage to the foot-hills of the Himalayas on the "FOOT-STOOL OF GOD"-the greatest symbol of "The Rock of Ages cleft for us".

So here I am since this pilgrim-trip of mine, with the Gospel Team, has opened my eyes to certain aspects of the spiritual truths of the Christian faith hidden in the natural scenery of our JANMABHOOMI. As we walk with THE CHRIST OF THE INDIAN ROAD, behold! the land of His birth comes to our vision enlarged with breath-taking beauty in the land of our birth—THE PUNNIYA BHOOMI to be— The great rivers and the high hills of Bharat-shaped as the Geo-Crucifix- make us alive to the superb Fountain-Head of the Living Waters from the unknown summits of eternity from the past to the unknown glories of eternity to come. Our generous friends and hosts have given us the joy of sight-seeing. By doing so, they have placed us under a deep debt of gratitude for giving us delight in spiritual treats. In the unforseen programme of the Gospel Team for Jubbulpur (Maddya Pradesh) we derived unexpected benefits of a celestial variety.

As we were taken by boat, on the smooth waters of the Narbadha amidst marble rocks, under the guidance of our esteemed brother Sri C. A. Cornelius and his colleagues, the depth of my heart was stirred. We were floating on 500 feet

of deep waters with death-dealing currents underneath ; the high flung deepcut rocks of latent beauty overshadowed to dismay us. These are, however, transcient glories full of perils and dangers But in the midst of the feelings of dread heightened by the menace of THE ATOMIC AGE and SPUTNIK ERA, we are sure of safety in the LORD'S EVER LASTING ARM, with songs on our heart-strings such as this :

Other refuge have I none
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee ;
While the gathering waters roll,
While the tempest is still high,
Hide me, O my Saviour hide
Till the storm of life is past
Safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.—(JOHN WESLEY)

Less than the least member of the Team as I am, among Dr. A. C. Abraham and Dr. S. Jesudason it was given to me, with the aid of coloured paintings, to remind you of the scope and significance of the movement behind the N.M.S. as it applies in particular to the problems of our motherland. Its genesis, half-a-century ago, coincides with the festival of Christo-jayanti and therefore, its primary object is to bring every Christian Indian under the continuous impulse of the spirit-wave of the First Christmas, with his feet "swift and beautiful" for evangelistic enterprise. This objective of the N.M S.is to set the Christian soul on the move in the steps of our Lord:

With weary human feet He, day by day,
Once troad this earth to work His acts of love ;
And every step is chronicled above
His servants take to follow in His way.– (FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL)

The unutterable throbs and sighs with tears of the millions of the rural folks of Mother India were echoed by the Babe of Bethlehem as the Heavenly One writhed and wailed on the hard bed of the manger. These were unheaded by the highly placed as it is done to-day ; but the Angelic hosts were active in symphony. The Indian Christians, though of the minority, are in the unseen company of the celestial Gospel Team, if they muster strong and get the message of God's saving power flashed across among the shepherds of the flock and toilers of the hard soil-the rural folks of the unoccupied area even of the back bone of the Indian nation.

Thus the humble origin of the N. M. S is of three-fold blessings. It blesses the Christian Indian to recapture the vision of the joyous mission in his life; it makes him restless, under the power of the Sipirit of Jesus Christ till he shares the new-found joy with his neighbour, adding to the number of the "LITTLE FLOCK" of his Lord and Master. He is thus called to be God's agent to swell the joy in the celestial realm (Lk. 15 : 7, 10 ; 5 : 32); The Christian national of this sub-continent is challenged by the N. M. S. to be a source of True joy and Happiness to his country-men in tune with the Spirit of the Christmas season.

Finally, it is obvious that the cause of the N. M. S. is as dear to you as it is to me and it needs a lot of our earnest prayers. Yes ! this need is urgent since its sphere of many sided activities, within and outside the Church afford opportunities for you, my young friends, to display your ability for Christian initiative and leadership in tune with the genius of this great land.

We, who are called to hold up the cause of this indigenous evangelistic Body are like the aged Simon and Anna, biding our time; we are doing so until such a time, when you would step in to develop its heritage. What does then happen ? Our personal joy of the saving power of Christ would then be heightened under the illumination of the Light of revelation for those that sit in darkness both inside and outside the Church. In the meantime we are praying that you would continue in your splendid support which goes a great length to strengthen the hand of the office-bearers of the N. M. S. Branches, Area Committees and the missionaries of the old and new fields-particularly of the Nepal border.

With prayers under Master's Call,
Sincerely Yours,
C. P. MICHAEL & FAMILY

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1958

Sunday, January 5th to Sunday, January 12th

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For well over a century it has been the privilege of the Evangelical Alliance to sound the Call to Prayer at the commencement of each new year. Christians of many different denominations and in almost every part of the world, observe the first full week of January as a time for united prayer.

The topics for prayer for 1958 are centred upon some of the fundamental truths of the Christian Faith.

The days in which we live are in themselves a challenge to prayer. Our Lord's words, 'Men ought always to pray and not to faint' come home to us with added relevance in these days of uncertainty. Let Christians the world over unite in intercession at the Throne of Grace that we may 'obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.'

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A. E. D. FREDERICK,
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SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER

For the work of the Hon. General Secretary and all the Organising and Travelling Secretaries that they may be strengthened and filled with the Spirit of God.

For the new fields opened in Nepal and Jawadi Hills, and that a couple may be available to be sent to Jawadi Hills to work with the Vedanayagams.

For the members of the Women's Fellowship at Puram.

For the All India Council Meeting to be held in October this year at Tiruvalla that all arrangements may be guided by God.

That God may guide the affairs of the Society in the New Year and bless its work.

That God may send two or three volunteers to join the Ishapanthi Ashram, Puri on a permanent basis.

AN URGENT NEED

We need very urgently a Petromax Light for our field in Jawadi Hills. Even a used one will be gratefully received.

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"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"
"and lo I am with you alway
even unto the end of the world—*Amen.*"

THE GOSPEL TEAM AT LUCKNOW—*(Continued)*

November 3, 1957

12-30 a.m. Arrival at Lucknow. At such a late hour of the night the Gospel Team and party were received at the station by Rev. A. J. Shaw, President, and Mr. A. H. Khan, Hon'y Secretary, of the local N. M. S. Executive Committee. This gesture of goodwill was very greatly appreciated by all five of us. Host—Mr. S. R. Franklin, Warden, O. C. Hostel, Christian College.

8-30 a.m. Zahoor Baksh Church Service (Anglican) Speaker—Dr. A C. Abraham. Raja Maharaj Singh attended that Service and told Miss M. M. Singh and Dr. Jesudason that he was very greatly impressed by the 'wonderful," 'beautiful' message.

9-00 ,, British Methodist Church Service—Mr. C. P. Michael.

9-45 ,, Isabella Thoburn College Chapel—Mr. S. Jesudason.

4-30 p.m. Central Methodist Church United Service—Dr. Abraham. The Church was packed to capacity and heard the Doctor in pin-drop silence, on the lessons derived from Jonah, the Prophet of Evangelism. It was a challenging sermon in which a fervent

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appeal was made for consecrated men and women to unfold the plan of salvation to those who, like the inhabitants of Ninevah, are about to perish.

November 4, 1957

9-00 a.m. Interview with Raja and Rani Maharaj Singh, who donated Rs. 100/- to the N.M.S

9-30 „ Isabella Thoburn College Chapel—Mr. C. P. Michael.

10-30 „ to 1-00 p.m. The other members visited homes and made personal contacts with Christians.

1-15 p.m. Lunch with the President of the Lucknow Branch Executive Committee.

4-30 „ Local N.M.S. Branch 'At Home'. After partaking of refreshments, Dr. A. C. Abraham and Dr. Jesudason gave short talks on the work of the N.M.S. and Tirpattur Ashram, respectively. The function ended up with a closing prayer by Mr. Michael.

6-00 „ Meeting of the British Methodist Church Youth—Mr. C. P. Michael.

7-45 „ Dinner at the home of the Hon'y Secretary, N.M.S., U.P. Area, to which the President and the Hon'y Secretary of the Lucknow Branch N.M.S. Executive Committee with their wives and the host of the Gospel Team were invited. It was a time of happy fellowship which ended up in Bible reading and prayer.

November 5, 1957

8-25 a.m. Departure Lucknow—Dr. A. C Abraham.

1-20 p.m. „ „ Mr. C. P. Michael.
Dr. A. C. Abraham at Gonda.

11-20 a.m. Arrival at Gonda accompanied by Miss M. M. Singh, Hon'y Secretary, N.M.S., U.P. Area. Rev. S. A. Singh, Mr. R. Augustus, President and Mr. A. L. Cristiene, Hon'y Secretary, Local N.M.S. Branch and Mrs. Benjamin were at the station to receive them. Host—Rev. S. A. Singh, District Superintendent, M. E. Mission, Gonda.

12-00 Noon-Lunch with Rev. S. A. Singh, Mr. and Mrs. Rasman and Mr. Peters, friends of the Interior Christian Mission, Bahraich were also invited to meet Dr. Abraham, a most important representative of the Interdenominational National Missionary Society. Rev. Rasman gave hopes for finding Nepalese Christians for the N.M.S. Field in Nepal and extended an invitation to Dr. Abraham to visit Bahraich in the near future. This invitation is outstanding.

3 to 4 p.m. Introduction of a number of Padres and preachers attending the District Conference, Gonda and Bahraich, to Dr. Abraham and Miss M. M. Singh.

4-00 p.m. Reception by the local N.M.S. Branch which gave an occasion to make many more contacts and spend the time in happy fellowship.

5-00 ,, Service in the Methodist Church—addressed by Dr. A. C. Abraham. Concluding remarks were made by Miss M. M. Singh.

7-00 ,, Conference Dinner. It was served to about 200 people and we had further opportunity of enjoying their fellowship.

9-00 ,, Musical Evangelism by Conference singers and musicians.

N.B.—The local N.M.S. Branch presented through Rev. S. A. Singh a purse containing Rs. 89/- in the Church.

November 6, 1957

1-20 a.m. Departure Gonda.

6-05 ,, Arrival Lucknow.
Mr. C. P. Michael at Rae Bareli.

November 5, 1957

2-55 p.m. Arrival at Rae Bareli accompanied by Mr. A. H. Khan, Hon'y Secretary, N.M.S. Branch, Lucknow. Host—Dr. S. A. Nathan.

5-00 ,, Mr. C. P. Michael addressed the gathering at the reception in the Mission Compound presided by Dr. Nathan. That meeting is reported to be very successful, because the address of Mr. Michael

was most challenging. A small place like Rae Bareli which has no N.M.S Branch was able to collect Rs. 85/- which was delivered to Miss M. M. Singh through Mr. A. H. Khan and Christian friends promised their financial support to the N.M.S. in the future.

November 6, 1957

Forenoon Mr. C. P. Michael made more contacts with Christian friends of Rae Bareli.

12-00 Noon Lunch with Dr. Nathan.

3-00 p.m. Mr. Michael joined the other members of the Gospel Team heading for Banaras.

Dr. Jesudason at Lucknow

November 5, 1957

1-15 p.m. Lucknow Christian College Chapel—Dr. S. Jesudason.

4-00 ,, Dr. S. Jesudason along with Mr. A. V Singh attended a ladies' meeting which had met to explore the possibilities of forming a Ladies' Auxiliary at Lucknow. The discussions were reported to be interesting. It was, however, decided by the ladies present there not to separate themselves from the General Branch of the local N.M.S. but to work with them in joint efforts.

6-00 ,, Dr. Jesudason addressed another gathering of students.

November 6, 1957

6-05 a.m. Arrival of Dr. Abraham and Miss M. M. Singh at Lucknow.

9-00 ,, Dr. Abraham paid a visit to the Lucknow Publishing House and Press and the Isabella Thoburn College.

Dr Jesudason continued to have student-visitors and all facilities were given to him by the host Mr. S. R. Franklin to meet them.

1-20 p.m. Departure Lucknow.

The Gospel Team at Banaras

November 6, 1957

6-50 p.m. Arrival at Banaras. Received at the station by Mr. E. J. Singh, Hon'y Secretary, Local N.M.S.

Branch, Mr. B. S. Lal and Rev. J. B. Lee. Hosts—Rev and Mrs. J. B. Lee, Rev. J. P. Lesuer, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Singh. Mr. and Mrs. Hermit, Cutting Memorial Higher Secondary School had very kindly offered to accommodate Miss M. M. Singh who due to personal reasons was unable to accompany the Gospel Team to Banaras and who was sorry to be deprived of their fellowship.

November 7, 1957

9-00 a.m. Visit to Khrishtapanthi Ashram of which the Sevak Pramukh is Rev. R. C. Das. Family Worship.

Visit to the Ghats (The Bank of the Ganga)–Lunch

5-30 p.m. United Service at St. Pauls' Church—Dr. Abraham.

November 8, 1957

7-00 a.m. Meeting at the Technical School addressed by Dr. Jesudason.

8-30 ,, Service in the Cantt. Wesleyan Church—Mr. Michael.

10-00 a.m. Visits to Families to form contacts with Christians.

3-00 p.m. Mr. Michael spoke to the International University students living in the hostel.

4-00 ,, Community tea at Teliyabagh Church Compound.

5-30 ,, United Service in the Teliyabagh Methodist Church—Dr. S. Jesudason.

November 9, 1957

7-30 a.m. Dr. Abraham's talk to the Hostel students of the Cutting Memorial Higher Secondary School.

9-00 ,, Trip to Sarnath.

1-15 p.m. Departure Banaras.

(To be Continued)

A CORRECTION

Gospel Team account Agra 30th Oct. 1957 on Page 136 of January 1958 N. M. I. Please see for continuation Page 133, from 1 p.m. to 10-40 p.m.

THE GOSPEL TEAM AT JABALPUR

The team wound up their Northern India tour by visiting Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh at the request of a few friends of the N. M. S. at Jabalpur. Dr. Jesudoson arrived in Jabalpur on the 12th. November evening and Dr. A. C. Abraham with Shri C. P. Michael on the 13th morning. They were accommodated in the guest rooms of the Leonard Theological College.

On the 13th, during the day, the members of the team individually contacted the students and professors of the Leonard Theological College and exchanged thoughts and ideas. They could only meet a very few, as most of the students, with their professors, had gone out of Jabalpur on field work. In the evening, the members spoke at three different places. Dr Jesudason spoke at the St. Paul's Church Parish Hall and Dr. Abraham at the Johnson's Girls' High School, where the girl students of the school and Hawabagh College attended in large numbers. Shri Michael gave an inspiring message to the Armed Forces at the Harrington Prayer Room in the Cantonment.

On the 14th. morning the team visited the Sehora Ashram (Christa Panthi Ashram) which is about 30 miles away from Jabalpur. Returning from the Ashram, they contacted a few local Christian leaders, heads of Christian institutions and others. At 5 p.m. they met at tea at the residence of Shri C. A. Cornelius, a few friends of the N. M. S., pastors of the local churches and other friends. In the evening, Dr. Jesudason and Dr. Abraham spoke at the English Methodist Church, the former on the work done at the Christu Kula Ashram at Tirupattur emphasising the Christ-like life and Christ-centred witness needed in the propagation of the Gospel. Dr. Abraham spoke on the aims and objects of the N.M.S., its achievements and needs. A collection was made and the proceeds made over to Dr. Abraham.

Dr. Abraham and Shri Michael left for Allahabad on the 14th night enroute to Nepal and Dr. Jesudason left for his Ashram on the 15th morning.

Friends of the N. M. S. at Jabalpur are very grateful to the team who condescended to visit the place even though it was not in their itinerary. They have indeed tried to awaken the Christians of Jabalpur from their stupor.

FRIENDS OF THE N.M.S.,
Jabalpur.

REPORT FROM Mr. MORGAN JOEL,
President, S. C. M., Allahabad,

on the S. C. M. and Youth Fellowship Rally held at Knox Hall on November 11, 1957 at 6 p.m.

Principal Speaker — Mr. C. P. Michael, Member of the Gospel Team.

The N. M. S. Gospel Team, in spite of its very heavy programme, were kind enough to accommodate the demands of Youth, and at a specially arranged Youth Rally at the Knox Hall, Student Christian Centre, Allahabad, on Monday the 11th November, 1957, did get an opportunity to address the S. C. M. members of the 4 Units of Allahabad, Y.M.C.A., Student Christian Centre, Bible Seminary Students and various Church units. The Student Centre Choir, Bible Seminary Choir and the Methodist Church Choir gave us an inspiring period of Hindi Bhajans based on Indian Music.

Rao Sahib Michael was the Member whom we were privileged to hear. Along with him the other members of the Gospel Team were also present.

He spoke to us on the most vital problem of the day. 'The Responsibility of Youth in this new set-up.' He spoke in his own peculiar manner, appealing and inspiring, forceful and strong, and punctuated his talk with pictures pasted on board. Amongst the various topics connected with Youth that he spoke on was our individual responsibility in the changed set-up. He said that the time for a partisan outlook was over and that we had to forge ourselves ahead with the fast pace of national reconstruction. Our outlook should be broadened, our visions cleared, our aims higher and our achievements laudable was the theme of his illuminating talk. He clearly gave out the burning force that guided various individuals to a higher spiritual level.

His talk was very lucid, impressive and inspiring, and the group was so very interested that it asked questions allied and varied, not only to the speaker, but also to the other Members of the Team.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Chair and a word of prayer by the Leader of the Team.

LETTER FROM Prof. N. C. MUKERJI,
one of the surviving founder-members of the N. M. S.

I had a pleasant visit in the second week of November from our General Secretary, Dr. A. C. Abraham and Mr. C. P. Michael. They were of a team of three, Dr. Jesudason of Tirupattur being the third member, who were on a tour of N. India

They reminded me how I was one of the two surviving members of those who met in Serampore for the founding of the Society. It sent my mind half a century back to the days of the meeting, the men who had gathered there, and how Azariah (later Bishop) toured up and down the country to prepare the ground for the starting of the Society.

There was great enthusiasm in the churches and people for the Society which gave it a good start. The Society, like all human institutions, has had its vicissitudes. But to have weathered half-a-century's existence, under our Indian climate, shows its vitality, and that it has finally struck roots in the country. The debt has been largely cleared, the work has expanded and we are now on the virgin soil of Nepal. While both North and South have shared in the work, the South, and particularly the Syrian Church, has borne the brunt of the burden. Above all, the Divine Founder of the Christian Church has been with it and blessed it.

When we think of the prospects of the Christianising of our country, it is a heartening consideration that whatever the appearances and the difficulties, we have two accomplishments to the Kingdom's credit. One is the existence of the Church, now on its way to be a United Church, and the second, the existence of an inter-denominational Society, like the N.M.S.

The brethren told me of their visit with Mr. Kuruvilla, one of our early missionaries, and Mr. P. O. Philip, for many years the able Secretary of the Society. I also learnt of another old timer, Missionary Gnanabaranam, working in Rewa. I learnt, with regret, of the passing away of Duraisamy, whose devoted service extending over many years, we should not easily forget.

Individuals pass on but the work continues unto the reaping of the Harvest. The Lord of Harvest sends forth new labourers, for the work is His and not ours Newman's lines keep ringing in my ears, as I think the history of our Society.

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on,
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torment, till
The night is gone.

ORDINATION OF
Mr. S. GNANASUNDARAMANI, B.A., B.D., B.T.
N. M. S. MISSIONARY, PURAM.

The Executive Committee of the National Missionary Society of India, at its meeting held at Tirupattur in March 1957 had decided to ordain Mr. S. Gnanasundaramani as a Deacon of the Church of S. India in Puram in the N. Arcot Dt. Accordingly, after being satisfied with the character and credentials of the candidate, the Bishop in Coimbatore had arranged to have Mr. Sundaramani ordained on 8th December, 1957 at the Sadhu Sunder Singh Memorial Church in Puram. A great gathering of Christian and Hindu friends and many relatives of Mr. Gnanasundaramani from Kolar were present at the Ceremony on the morning of the 8th Dec. Bishop Appasamy, along with the Rev. J. J. Jesudason, Treasurer of the Diocese, had arrived at the Christu-kula Ashram even the previous day for the preparation of the great event.

On the morning of the 8th December, the congregation at Puram and the visitors from K. G. F., and the Ashram friends were present at the church. The Bishop was assisted by four Presbyters of the Diocese and, the church was packed to capacity. Rev. Jesudason preached the ordination sermon and the whole service was inspiring and the music was Indigenous, lyrics being sung to the accompaniment of the Indian Musical Instruments.

After the Ordination Service, Holy Communion was administered in which about two hundred members participated. After the Service, the members present were given noon meal, the congregation being the hosts. We are grateful to the Ashram Brothers for so kindly making special arrangements to lodge and feed the guests who had come to the ordination. We are also grateful to Bishop Appasamy, Rev. Jesudason, Rev. R. Gnanadikam and others for enabling to make the function a success.

We wish Rev. and Mrs. S. Gnanasundaramani all the best and sincerely hope that Mr. Gnanasundaramani will be strengthened and used by God in the Puram area and its neighbourhood for carrying on the Gospel work. Our wishes go to Mrs. Gnanasundaramani who will serve the people in the area and also help in the Women's Fellowship in Puram.

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN DURAISAMY *

The duty assigned to me is not an easy one for one who loved John Duraisamy, as much as I did. Yet the duty must be performed, because I owe it both to his memory and also to his wife and children.

I had known Mr. Duraisamy for many years, particularly when he was successively Secretary of the S. C. M. and of the N. M. S. When he was well, we used to call on each other. When I came to live at " Sunnyside ', Royapettah, he was my neighbour, but as by that time he was very ill, I had to content myself with calling on him whenever I could, without expecting return visits. The last time I saw him was when he came to see me off at Meenambakkam Airport on my way to America, in April. He was not only my friend ; **his** family were friends of **my** family. (His son, Jawaharlal, in particular, was my pupil for a short time, when I was Headmaster of St. Paul's High School.)

I wish to speak about four characteristics of his that appealed to me,

(i) **Christian:** He was a convert who all his life kept alive his early Christian experience. His was a simple faith, and even protracted illness and other troubles never dimmed his vision. He was not ashamed of the Gospel. If he could not move about, he wrote. He was an ardent evangelist all his life, and he had no interest in life except the N. M. S. He had undergone a theological course, but his child-like faith survived it!

(ii) **Indian:** Secondly, John Duraisamy was a nationalist long before nationalism became fashionable, when it was neither popular nor safe to wear khaddar. He not only believed in Christianity, but he believed that Christianity should be presented in India in a native dress. He was convinced that our music, our architecture, our ways of

worship should all be less exotic than they are, if the thoughtful Hindu is to see the Gospel and the Saviour as they are, and not as they often are, entangled with Western culture and civilisation. He was not only a Christian; he was also a true Indian.

(iii) **Friend:** Thirdly, he was a loyal friend. He came from a social group which is not noted for its meekness and which does not take to the Christian faith easily, but John Duraisamy, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, acquired meekness and increasingly grew in the Christian life. Both by nature and by virtue of the group from which he came, he was always a loyal friend. He would defend and comfort his friends, often taking great trouble to do so, notwithstanding his own troubles. He was more happy than I was, when I was made Bishop. He was indeed a friend who rejoiced with those who rejoiced and wept with those who wept. He was also a hero-worshipper; for example, he always revered the late Bishop Selwyn.

(iv) **Peace-maker:** Fourthly, he was a great peace-maker. He was anxious that his friends should not only be his friends, but friends with each other. He could never bear to see any estrangement, especially between Christians. He carried 'good tales' from one person to another, and thus brought them together. If peace-makers are blessed and the Children of God, then he was truly blessed, and was a child of God.

He died at what we should call an early age. Surely, the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away! But we still have his precious memory with us. It is something to be able to say that John Duraisamy was one's friend, while he was on earth. The influence of such a friend is incalculable. To be able to count John Duraisamy as a friend was a kind of recommendation with people who were otherwise inclined to be suspicious of you. It was as though people were to say; "I do not know whether you are a good man, but you are a friend of John Duraisamy, and so you cannot be altogether bad"!

Our sorrow is tempered by the remembrance that, as on earth, so now, John Duraisamy is still with us in the communion of Saints. It does not matter whether we are on this side or on that side of the river called 'death'. It does not matter if **communication** is no longer possible, but only **communion.** It does matter that we belong to the same

Church which is at present divided into the Church Militant, the Church Expectant, and the Church Triumphant. We shall one day see him again and be seen by him ; that is our comfort, and that is the comfort which I would pass on to his dear ones, of whom I count myself one.

* Summary of an address delivered by the Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Chellappa, at the Memorial Meeting to Mr S. J. Duraisamy, at the Sathianadhan Memorial Hall on Saturday, December 14, 1957.

OUR NEW WORK AT SHAHDOL (M.Pr).

On November 24, 1957, our N. M. S. Hospital was opened with a Service of Dedication by Rev. J. D. Asirvadam, as ill-health prevented Rev. S. Gnanabaranam from being present at this inspiring Service. 80 were present including two representatives from the Rewa Malayalee congregation viz., Miss A. Abraham and Miss Sarah Chacko, both Sister Tutors at Government Hospital at Rewa. They had known Dr. Ramabai at Vellore and had taken post-graduate training in Australia. Their presence added much to our joy.

From Monday, the 25th out-patients began to come every day, and soon a few in-patients. We have only two rooms for inpatients. Each can take in only 2 patients comfortably. We need additional accommodation.

Christmas was celebrated with great joy both on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at 9 a.m. in our Chapel. Some joined them from Umaria

Dr. Ramabai in her letter of 3rd January writes :

> "On Christmas Day, we had an inspiring time of fellowship with our congregation members on our L. N. M. S site at 3 p.m at a Tea Party, followed by songs and prayers and I was happy to tell our people gathered on our (13 acre) N. M. S. site how the Lord led me to serve as a missionary to Rewa. All glory be to Him ! The Lord Who has led us step by step will provide. Let us go forward trusting in Him. He has unmistakably called us to bring the good news of God's redeeming love to the people of this and the neighbouring Districts of old Rewa State. and He is already manifestly leading us, and blessing us day by day."

Through the weeks of December, the number of patients was steadily increasing. Some seek to prejudice the people against us. The doctor asks our special prayers Our doctor has specialised in Ophthalmology, and also her thesis on 'The Cancer of the Breast' has been accepted for the Master's Degree in Surgery. We need to equip her for eye and

surgical work efficiently. Dr. A. Nallathambi, our first N. M. S. Medical missionary who, not being permitted to work in Rewa built up reputation as an Eye Doctor at Jharsaguda has donated Rs. 500/- for an Eye Clinic. The Doctor asks for your love and regular intercession for the work and the workers. There are great possibilities. We need to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth His chosen, consecrated labourers into the harvest.

J. D. ASIRVADAM

THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA

N. M. S. House,
Royapettah, Madras.
20-12-1957.

THE LATE MR. S. J. DURAISAMY

(ex-General Secretary of the N.M.S.)

As we all know, Mr. Duraisamy passed away prematurely on 31st October 1957. He had served the Society faithfully for a period of about fifteen years.

A Memorial Meeting for him was held on the 14th Dec.'57 at Madras under the presidency of the Bishop in Madras. After the meeting, some friends of Mr. Duraisamy met together to consider how best they could help Mrs. Duraisamy and her three children who are unfortunately left poorly provided for. It was proposed that a fund should be opened to render adequate help to the family for a period of at least two years. We therefore appeal to those of Mr. Duraisamy's friends and sympathisers who are willing to help to send their contributions, either monthly or in a lump sum, to the Hon. Treasurer, N. M. S., Royapettah, Madras. The Society will see that the family is supported regularly from this Fund.

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

G. Zachariah,
Chairman.
A. C. Abraham,
Hon. General Secretary.
S. Deva Prasad,
Hon. Associate General Secretary.
J. B. Masillamani,
Hon. Treasurer.

Financial Statement of the N. M. S. of India for the period 1st April to 31st December, 1957.

RECEIPT

Opening balance	...			Rs. 1853	08
Punjab	... Rs.	90	00		
United provinces	...	3692	78		
Delhi	...	982	33		
Bengal & Calcutta	...	441	17		
Assam	...	150	00		
Bihar	...	428	87		
Orissa	...	5	00		
Madhya Bharat	...	25	00		
Rajasthan	...	105	05		
Bombay	...	1772	78		
Madhya Pradesh	...	402	38		
Hyderabad & Andhra	...	589	26		
Kerala	...	890	98		
S. Kanara	...	3698	30		
Madras	...	1506	87		
„ L.A.	...	2800	66		
Puram school grant	...	3937	23		
Katteri School grant	...	889	60		
Ankola School grant	...	977	00		
North Tamil Area	...	1268	78		
South „ „	...	2408	82		
Outside India	...	234	01		
Birth Day gift	...	204	00		
Interest	...	865	12		
N.M.I. & Deepikai	...	267	47		
Miscellaneous	...	485	92		
Nepal	...	1469	72		
Jawadi	...	1027	93		
Women's Fellowship, Puram		745	00		
Field Receipts	...	1220	38		
Anonymous	...	1456	00		
M.T.S.C.E. Association		1000	00		
Advance to Exec. Com. etc., adjusted	...	1090	18	37128	59
			Total Rs.	38981	67

Financial Statement of the N. M. S. of India for the period 1st April to 31st December, 1957.

EXPENDITURE

Puram Field expenses ...	Rs. 7799	00	
,, House compensation Mrs. R. C. ...	2500	00	
,, Women's Fellowship	397	82	
Katteri ...	3626	84	
Ankola-Karwar ...	673	49	
Kumta ...	1014	00	
Honavar Mission Field ...	790	31	
Headquarters ...	4221	64	
N.M.I. & Deepikai ...	1988	41	
Organising Secretary, Tamilnad	2044	94	
,, ,, N. India	489	01	
Hony. General Secretary...	825	98	
,, Associate General Secretary	222	14	
Retirement allowance Mr. S.J.D.	900	00	
Executive Committee expenses	2805	53	
*General ...	2229	45	
Jawadi Hills ...	1491	25	
Nepal ...	1605	00	
Imprest account ...	350	00	
Puri Ashram ...	50	00	
		Rs.	36028 31
Closing balance Rs.			2953 36
		Total Rs.	38981 67

*N. M. S. Sunday ...	Rs. 295	58	
Hony. Deputation ...	581	09	
Affilliation fees ...	50	00	
General printing ...	389	93	
Corporation tax ...	75	36	
Bank charges ...	300	66	
S.J.D's Funeral expense etc., ...	150	02	
Miscellaneous ...	386	81	

(Sd.) J. B. Masillamani
Hon. Treasurer N. M. S.

THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

GENERAL

Receipts and Payment Account

RECEIPTS	Rs. A. P.	Rs A P.
To Opening Balances :		
Cash on Hand	1,766 1 6	
Imprest with Hony. General Secretary	250 0 0	
Organising Secretary, South India ...	130 0 0	
Head Clerk Headquarters	75 0 0	
Accountant Headquarters ...	35 0 0	
		2,256 1 6
,, Field Receipts—Net	42,048 3 6	
,, do Adjusted in Bills	11,817 0 0	
		53,865 3 5
,, Interest on Govt. Promissory Notes ...		1,018 2 0
,, Miscellaneous Receipts :		
Rent from N.M.S. Press	420 0 0	
Sale of Books	94 4 6	
Receipts for Old Cycles	60 0 0	
Sundry Collectons	438 14 6	
		1,013 3 0
,, Amount received on Special Fund account (Transferred as per contra) ...	2 715 5 9	
Amount Received for Yesudial Memorial Investment (as per contra)	500 0 0	
		3,215 5 9
,, Amount received from Dr. Stanley Jones held in suspense pending decision		3,000 0 0
,, Loans and other recoveries :		
Puram Teachers' (Loan recovery in cash)	40 0 0	
do (Loan adjusted in bills) ...	280 0 0	
		320 0 0
,, Interest on Provident Fund Investment (as per contra) ...		206 6 0
,, Taylor Memorial Eund Receipt (as per contra) ...		168 0 0
,, Receipts fgom Special Fund towards debt clearance to Provident Fund		7,200 0 0
,, Mrs. Chellasamy receipts from Special Fund towards debt clearance to Provident Fund ...		500 0 0
,, Amount held in suspense on account of Mr. S. J Doraiswamy as per contra ...		2,172 8 0
,, Receipts for Cycle Purchase (transferred to Special Fund as per contra)...		250 0 0
,, Sundry Receipts for Goodsamaritan as per contra		3 0 0
,, Closing Balance being overdraft with State Bank of India as on 31-3-57 ...		10,693 13 9
Total ...		85 881 11 5

OF INDIA, ROYAPETTAH' MADRAS-14

FUND

for the year 1-4-56—31-3-57

PAYMENTS	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
By Opening Balance being overdraft with State Bank of India, Madras-2 ...				16,755	8	7
,, Field Expenses as per Schedule 'B' ...				52,312	3	1
,, Advance to Executive Committee Expenses (Tirupattur) ...				700	0	0
,, Executive Committee (Nagpur) Expenses amount advanced ...	1,500	0	0			
Less: Recovery ...	367	7	0			
				1,132	9	0
,, Provident Fund Debt Clearance and paid to Provident Fund Account ...				8,426	3	0
,, Amount invested in Govt Promissory Notes (being Yesudial Memorial Fund Investment) ...	500	0	0			
Amount transferred to Special Fund Account with State Bank as per contra ...	2,715	5	9			
				3,215	5	9
,, Amount Received for Cycle Purchase transferred to Special Fund as per contra ...				250	0	0
,, Amount held in suspense paid to Mr. S J Doraiswamy against Receipts as per contra ...				2,172	8	
,, Goodsamaritan Cash paid as per contra ...				3	0	0
,, Taylor Memorial Receipts transferred to Special Fund as per contra...				168	0	0
,, Interest received on Provident Fund account transferred to Provident Funb as per contra ...				206	6	0
,, SUNDRY ADVANCES:						
for Puram Exqenses ...	200	0	0			
Madras Ladies' Auxiliary ...	150	0	0			
N.M.S. Press Expenses ...	925	7	0			
Mr. S B. Satya ...	75	0	0			
Miss K. Sircar ...	200	0	0			
	1,550	7	0			
Less: Recoveries thereof ...	1,550	7	0			
,, CLOSING BALANCES:						
Imprest Cash with Dr. A. C. Abraham	300	0	0			
Organising Secretary, South India ...	130	0	0			
Head Clerk Headquarters ...	75	0	0			
Accountant Headquarters ...	35	0	0			
				540	0	0
	Total ...			85,881	11	5

(Sd). C. S. HARIHARAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountant.

General Funds' Liabilities as on 31–3–1957

* 1.	State Bank of India Overdraft	Rs.	10,693	13	9
2.	Almorah Property (Sale proceeds)		5,000	0	0
3.	Rev. S. G. Grubb (earmarked donation)		1,000	0	0
4.	Amount received from Dr. Stanley Jones held in suspense		3,000	0	0
5.	Nepal Work (Contribution)		1,691	0	0
6.	Javadi Hills (Contribution)		50	0	0
7.	E. J. Hensman Legacy Fund		1,200	0	0
8.	Mookerjee Commemoration Fund		380	4	3
	Total	...	23,015	2	0

* 1. State Bank of India Overdraft
2. Sale proceeds of Almorah property
3. Earmarked donation from Rev. S. G. Grubb
4. Amount Received from Dr. Stanley Jones held in suspence.
5. Contribution for Nepal Work
6. Contribution for Work in Javadi Hiils.

NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA
ROYAPETTAH, MADRAS

General Fund Account—1956-57
Field Receipts—Schedule 'A'.

Lf.		Rs.	A.	P.
1.	The Punjab	215	0	0
4.	Utter Pradesh	5,098	13	9
5.	Delhi	50	0	0
6.	Calcutta	964	10	9
7.	Bengal	137	5	0
9.	Orissa.	25	11	0
10.	Madhya Pradesh	547	0	0
11.	Rajastan	102	9	0
17.	Hyderabad	1,395	0	9
19.	Andhra	594	5	0
23.	Madras and Saidapet	2,494	11	0
26.	Madras Ladies Auxiliaries	7,902	1	6
35.	North Tamil Areas	2,960	11	3
41.	Travancore and Cochin	57	0	0
42.	M. T. S. C. E. Thruvalla	13,914	0	0
49.	Assam and Manipur	151	10	0
52.	Outside India	590	0	0
53.	Anonymous	2,473	0	0
54.	Madhya Bharat	48	0	0
55.	Nepal Work	2,120	0	0
67.	Bombay	2,183	4	9
69.	Birthday Gifts	298	2	0
70.	Malabar and South Kanara	4,510	12	1
71.	South Tamil Area	3,666	4	1
73.	Jawadi Hills	50	0	0
76.	National Missionary Intelligencer and Deepikai.	539	0	0
78.	Bihar	776	3	0
	Total	53,865	3	5

Field Expenses Schedule 'B'

Lf.		Rs.	A.	P.
102.	Puram	10,730	1	6
104.	Katteri	4,323	0	6
105.	All India Work Among Churches 'A'	911	0	3
106.	Honorary Associated Secretary	1,449	11	9
107.	N. M. I. & Deepikai	3,313	14	0
108.	All India General	3,831	3	0
110.	Organising Secretary, Tamil Nad	2,576	11	0
111.	Organising Secretary, N. India	75	1	0
112.	Head Quarters Expenses	8,833	5	3
113.	Honavar Expenses	555	12	3
114.	Kumta Field Expenses	1,110	0	9
115.	Ankola and Karwar	2,076	10	0
117.	Mission and Indigenous Primary Schools, Honawar	12,525	12	4
	Total	52,312	3	1

THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA MADRAS

General Fund Account—1956-57 Analysis to Field Expenses:

1. *Puram:* Lf. 102.		Rs.	A.	P.
Evangelistic	...	2,620	0	0
Educational	...	5,082	5	6
Medical	...	843	0	0
Rent	...	193	0	0
Dearness Allowance	...	338	0	0
Travelling Expenses	...	85	15	9
Postage and Stationery	...	34	5	0
School Contingency	...	99	11	6
Books and Tracts	...	18	13	6
Medicine	...	40	0	9
Provision for Converts	...	50	0	0
Guest Allowance	...	120	0	0
Repairs	...	326	6	0
Unforeseen	...	31	8	0
Compensation to Mrs. R. Chellaswamy		500	0	0
Provident Fund	...	346	15	0
	Total	10,730	1	0

2. *Katteri:* Lf. 104.		Rs.	A.	P.
Evangelistic	...	1,435	0	0
Educational	...	1,389	1	6
Medical	...	633	0	0
Dearness Allowance	...	240	0	0
Itineration	...	128	12	0
Postage and Stationery	...	25	10	9
Books and Tracts	...	33	9	6
Magic Lantern Upkeep	...	27	8	6
Evangelistic Champign	...	90	12	0
School Contingency	...	75	8	3
School Furniture repairs	...	14	14	0
Repairs to Building	...	100	0	0
Provident Fund	...	129	4	0
	Total	4,323	0	6

3. *All India Work Among Churches 'A'*				
1. Miss K. Sircar Itineration	...	374	12	0
2. Dr. A. C Abraham Itineration	...	342	7	6
3. Field Commission to Miss K. Sircar		104	10	3
4. Field Commission to Mr. S. B. Satya		64	3	6
5. Field Commission to Mr. C. P. Michael		24	15	0
	Total	911	0	3

4. *Honorary Associated Secretary:* Lf. 106.				
Itineration by S. J. Doraiswamy	...	94	0	3
Itineration by Miss K. Sircar	...	143	3	6
Guest Allowance	...	12	8	0
Retirement Allowance paid to Sri S. J. Doraiswamy	...	1,200	0	0
	Total	1,449	11	9

5. *National Missionary Intelligencer & Deepikai* Lf. 107.				
N. M. I. & Deepikai	...	3,293	5	3
Library books	...	20	8	9
	Total	3,313	14	0

6. *All India General:* Lf. 108.		Rs.	A.	P.
Honorary Deputation	...	860	0	0
Audit fees	...	125	0	0

Bank charges and Overdraft interest	...	687	4	0
Property Tax	...	150	11	6
Membership Fees	...	20	0	0
Printing	...	434	10	0
National Missionary Society-Sunday	...	410	1	0
Miscellaneous Expenses	...	543	8	6
Nepal Work Expenses	...	600	0	0
Total		3,831	3	0

7. *Organising Secretary-Ta nil Nad—*
Miss E. L. Joshua Lf. 110.

Salary	...	1,795	0	0
House Rent	...	240	0	0
Dearness Allowance	...	120	0	0
Postage and Stationery	...	30	3	6
Itineration	...	279	4	6
Provident Fund	...	112	3	0
Total		2,576	11	0

8. *Organising Secretaries* Lf. 111.

Mr. E. Banerjee North India	...	25	0	0
Miss M. M. Singh North India	...	35	15	0
Dr. A. C. Abraham-East India	...	14	2	0
Total		75	1	0

9. *Headquarters* Lf. 112

Salaries	...	4,462	0	0
House Rent	...	390	0	0
Dearness Allowance	...	520	0	0
Special Allowance	...	140	0	0
Postage	...	694	9	9
Stationery Etc.	...	247	2	6
Office and House Repairs	...	2,025	7	9
Electricity charges	...	115	5	3
Provident Fund	...	238	12	0
Total		8,833	5	3

10. *Mission Field Honavar:* Lf. 113.

Itineration	...	108	5	0
Repairs	...	343	10	3
Postage Etc.	...	54	10	0

Municipal Tax	...	45	7	0
Books and Tracts	...	3	12	0
Total		555	12	3

11. *Kumta Field* Lf. 114.

Salary	...	745	12	9
Dearness Allowance	...	130	0	0
Repairs to Mission Home	...	150	0	0
Postage	...	12	0	0
Municipal Tax	...	12	4	0
Itineration	...	60	0	0
Total		1,110	0	9

12. *Ankola Karwar* Lf. 115.

Salary	...	1,050	0	0
Dearness Allowance	...	360	0	0
Provident Fund	...	65	10	0
Assessment and Municipal Tax	...	141	0	0
Construction and Whitewash	...	100	0	0
Miss J. Saldana	...	360	0	0
Total		2,076	10	0

13. *Honawar*:

Arrears: for Previous years paid	...	10,884	10	0
Expenses during the year	...	1,509	10	4
Provident Fund	...	131	8	0
Total		12,525	12	4

14. *Field Receipts Adjusted in Bills:*

Honavar	...	11,017	2	0
Katteri	...	78	0	0
Puram	...	711	6	0
Ankola and Karwar	...	10	8	0
		11,817	0	0
Add loan recovery from puram teachers		280	0	0
Total		12,097	0	0

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Rural Christian Service Fellowship Camp Fund Account

Receipts and Payments Statements for the period 1-4-56 — 31-3-1957.

RECEIPTS	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	PAYMENTS	Rs. A. P.
To Opening Balance as on 1-4-56:			By S. J. Doraiswamy	200 0 0
Cash on hand	315 14 3		,, E. L Joshua	200 0 0
Cash at Indian Bank Ltd., Madras-14	716 12 1		,, Camp Expenses during 1956-57	1,206 6 0
		1,032 10 4	,, Tailors Memorial Transfer to special fund contra	25 0 0
,, Receipts towards rural camp		956 7 1	,, Closing Balance at Indian Bank Ltd.	393 5 5
,, Receipts towards Tailors Memorial Fund		25 0 0		
,, Interest Receipts		10 10 6		
Total ...		2,024 11 11	Total ...	2,024 11 11

Provident Fund Loan Account for the year 1-4-56 — 31-3-57.

To Loans advance as per last Stateement		7,698 0 0	By Loans received in Cash	1,015 0 0
,, Loans advanced during the year		500 0 0	,, Loans adjusted in settlement of account	4 000 0 0
			,, Balance due at the end of the year	3,183 0 0
Total ...		8,198 0 0	Total ...	8,198 0 0

Provident Fund Account for the year 1-4-56 — 31-3-57

To Fund at Commencement to the credit of Subscribers		23,707 0 0	By Payments in settlement of accounts	2,287 6 0
,, Contributions Received from:			,, –do– adjustment	4,000 0 0
Staff	1,172 10 0		,, Closing Balance to the credit of individual Subscribers on 31-9-57	20,000 7 0
Society	1,172 10 0			
		2,345 4 0		
,, Receipts from Mr. R L Naik		5 0 0		
,, Interest earned and Credited to Subscribers' accounts		230 9 0		
Total ...		26,287 13 0	Total ...	26,287 13 0

Abstract of Investment of Provident Fund on 31-3-1957

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Cash on hand				0	2	0
Cash in Post Office Savings Bank account				9,907	6	0
Loans to Subscribers				3,183	0	0
Govt. Promissory Notes				6,900	0	0
Amount due from General Fund:						
Interest credited to Subscribers	230	9	0			
Less Interest Receipts	220	11	0	9	14	0
Add Contingency				0	1	0
				20,000	7	0

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Receipts and Payments for the year 1-4-56 — 31-3-57

RECEIPTS	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
To Opening Balances:						
Cash on hand	13	8	3			
Cash at Post Office Savings Bank Account	166	1	0			
Cash at State Bank of India Savings Bank Account	2,921	5	6			
				3,100	14	9
,, Receipts:						
Donation Received towards debt clearance	5,895	4	0			
Bible Book Mark	976	7	0			
House Rent	175	0	0			
Sales at St Thomas Mount	13	8	0			
Interest Receipts:						
State Bank Savings Bank Aecount	14	10	0			
–do– Post Office Savings Bank	3	14	0			
Guest Room Rent	145	0	0			
Taylor Memorial Fund	198	0	0			
Receipts for Cycle Purchase transfer from General Fund	250	0	0			
Katteri Hospital Fund	30	0	0			
				7,701	11	0
,, Hospitality Receipts as per contra				283	0	0
	Total		...	11,085	9	9

PAYMENTS	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
By Hospitality receipts as per contra refunded towards expenses				283	0	0
,, Guest Room Repairs				85	0	0
,, Cycle Purchase				250	0	0
,, Tailor Memorial Fund, disbursement for Memorial				90	0	0
,, Transfer of funds towards debts clearance to Provident Fund:						
Thro' General Fund	3,000	0	0			
Direct to Provident Fund	4,200	0	0			
				7,200	0	0
,, Closing Balances:						
Cash on hand	0	9	3			
Cash in Post Office Savings Bank Account	2,367	15	0			
Cash in State Bank Savings Bank Account	809	1	6			
				3,177	9	9
	Total		...	11,085	9	9

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Receipts and Payments Statement of the Provident Fund Investment Account for the year 1-4-56 — 31-3-1957

RECEIPTS	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
To Opening Balance:						
Cash on hand	0	12	0			
Cash at Post Office Savings Bank Account	682	1	0			
				682	13	0
„ Contribution Received from:						
Subscribers	1,024	4	0			
Society	1,024	4	0			
				2,048	8	0
„ Contributions Received From:						
N. M. S. Press Staff	148	6	0			
Contribution Received by Society for N. M. S. Press Staff	148	6	0			
				296	12	0
„ Interest Receipts on Investmest Received by Transfer from General Fund				206	6	0
„ Interest Receipts in Post Office Savings Bank				14	5	0
„ Loans Recovered from Subscribers				1,015	0	0
„ Receipts from R. L. Naik				5	0	0
„ Receipts from General Eund towards debt clearance				8,426	3	0
„ Subscribers' account — to interest credited as per contra				230	9	0
Total ...				12,925	8	0

PAYMENTS	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
By Loans advanced to Subscribers				500	0	0
„ Subscribers' account settled				2,287	6	0
„ Contingency due from General Fund				0	1	0
„ Interest credited to Subscribers' account as per contra				230	9	0
„ Closing Balance:						
Cash on hand	0	2	0			
Cash at Post Office Savings Bank Account	9 907	6	0			
				9,907	8	0
Total ...				12,925	8	0

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The Annual Summer Gurukulam Training Course for keen Christian youngmen between the ages of 15 and 22 will be held at Devasahaya Veedu, Courtallam, from **Friday the 23rd May till Monday 9th June 1958.** The Training will consist of Devotional Bible Study and Meetings, Indian Music, Village work and Manual Labour. A Registration Fee of Rs 2 should be sent before April 1st. and a small voluntary contribution of Rs. 8 should be paid immediately on arrival towards food expenses for 17 days. The Gurukulam ideal is to develop in us the spirit of a loving family bound together by the love of Christ and that of selfless service for His Kingdom among the poor.

The following leaders are expected to take part:—

Sri K. K. KURUVILLA, M.A. B.D.—Five Year's Plan for Christian Action.

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The Rt. Rev. MAR THOMAS ATHANASIUS—Evangelism

P. S. A Training Course for Rural Uplift Work will also be held for youngmen at The Ashram at Tirupattur, N. A. from about the first of May. Please apply to Dr. RAJA, Tirupattur, N. A.

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"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"
"and lo, I am with you alway,
even unto the end of the world—*Amen.*"

INTERVIEW WITH DR. SHERWOOD EDDY

A Founder-member-Counsellor of the N. M. S. of India.

Dr. Sherwood Eddy, 87, is on a visit to Allahabad, U.P., since Feb. 3 and would be leaving here on Feb. 11, 1958 for the South to attend the Mar Thoma Church Convention. On Feb. 5, 1958, Sri A. V. Singh, Organising Secretary, North India and I interviewed him and spent a good 45 minutes with him.

Dr. Eddy was very happy to learn that the N.M.S. which is still in existence is a growing Body and that it is laying emphasis on Voluntary work. He was very pleased to hear that our present General Secretary and some of the other workers doing full-time job are hon'y workers. He quite approved of the Ashram Fellowships in the N. M. S. Fields and was of the opinion that this system was appealing to the Indian mind. It has given him great joy to learn that the N.M.S. work has expanded in various directions, both in the North and in the South. It was made very clear to him when we learnt he would be paying a visit to Nepal before flying to America that our Field recently started at Nepal has an existence independent of the United Mission to Nepal and Mar Thoma Fellowship. He was also informed about the Ishapanthi Ashram at Puri belonging to late Sadhu B. C. Sircar, which had been made over to the N.M.S. by the

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Y.M.C.A.. Calcutta. He remembered the late Sadhu B. C. Sircar in loving terms. Mr. and Mrs. Sam John who would soon be joining the Puri Fellowship were introduced to him a day before.

On his inquiry about the N. M. S. debt we explained to him the present position and requested him to pray that the small deficit of about Rs. 20,000/- may soon be wiped off.

I requested him to give a message for the N.M.I. The following is the substance of the message:

He helped to form the National Missionary Society of India on Dec. 25, 1905 not because he was an American but he was an Indian at heart.

He came out to India in 1896 and met Mr. V. S. Azariah at Calcutta. Dr. Eddy was three years senior in age but he found Azariah a man of God, who made a profound impression upon him. The friendship then formed has always been looked upon as one of the happiest experiences of his life. Later on, during his Ministry, Azariah was able to bring two lakhs of people to the fold of Christ. Dr. Eddy asked him the cause of his success when another Mission had been a failure in that region. Azariah said there were three main factors that had helped:

1. All inquirers in large numbers were invited to his Church and the New Testament was read out to them.
2. In the matter of taking the Holy Communion, which was served every Sunday morning as a source of their strength and blessing, there was no denominational bar. At the Lord's Table they were all one in Christ.
3. Only the Pastor and the Teacher worked on a salary basis. Every follower of Christ was an evangelist and preached the Gospel with no thought of payment. One did not have to be paid for preaching.

Dr. Eddy believed that the fourth factor of Bishop Azariah's success in winning converts in such large numbers was that he was a man of God and prayer.

Thus Dr. Sherwood laid great emphasis on Voluntary Service for Christ and he eulogised the call of the N. M. S. for Christian workers who have given their all for Christ. He said personally he had lacked nothing although for the last 62 years he had been serving the Lord on a voluntary basis.

After he finished his message I handed over to him the life-sketches contained in "The Founders of the National Missionary Society," a few Golden Jubilee Book Marks as the Jubilee souvenirs and the November 1957 issue of the N. M. I. containing the most recent Report of the Hon'y General Secretary. As he opened the "Founders..." he came across the group-photograph of the Founders. He recognised the picture of every member. He still retains most vividly the memories pertaining to the formation of the N.M.S. and every Founder-Member.

As we parted he offered a short prayer to God expressing his gratitude to God Almighty for the years gone by and praying fervently for His blessings upon the extension of His Kingdom through the N. M. S. and for every worker who is devoting himself or herself to the cause of Christ through the N. M. S.

The N.M.S. Members of Allahabad through the efforts of Sri A. V. Singh have planned a Reception to meet him at the Christian Tract and Book Society on Feb. 8, 1958. Rev. Paul Das, our President, is as usual very co-operative by giving his willingness to make all the arrangements for the Reception at his residence.

(Kumari) M. M. SINGH,
Hony. Secretary,
U. P. Area.

Feb. 6, 1958.

THE VISIT OF DR. SHERWOOD EDDY TO MADRAS

One of the surviving Founder-members of the N.M.S. of India.

Intimation was given to us that Dr. and Mrs. Sherwood Eddy were visiting Madras, and this golden opportunity was availed of by inviting them to the N. M. S. Office. They graciously agreed to our invitation and paid a short visit to our office on 16th November 1957. Some of the members of the Standing Committee and the Ladies' Auxiliary were also present to meet the distinguished visitors. They were accompanied by the Rev. H. A. Popley and Mr.

P. J. Anantharaz, General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Madras. After tea, Dr. Eddy made very kind enquiries of each one present and also about the Officers of the N. M. S. whose photos were found in the office. He made special mention about the late Bishop Azariah with whom he moved so intimately in those days. He remembered his association with the late Rev. Canon M. G. Goldsmith, Mr. K. T. Paul, Mr. Paul Appasamy and the Hensmans. He also made very kind enquiries of the late Mr. S. J. Duraisamy and paid a visit to his family living in the next compound. He also promised to help the family with some contribution.

Mrs. Eddy was keenly interested in meeting the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary present who told her about their special interest in and contribution to the work in Puram.

With prayer and benediction by Dr. Eddy the party dispersed.

Dr. Eddy is taking with him to America a small size portrait of the founders of the N. M. S. including his, in memory of the founding of the Society on Christmas Day 1905 at Serampore.

THE GOSPEL TEAM AT ALLAHABAD

November 9, 1957.

4-43 p.m. Arrival at Allahabad. Rev. Paul Das and Miss M. M. Singh, President and Hon'y Secretary respectively of the N.M.S., U.P. Area, Prof. S. Lal and Mr. V. C. Simon, President and Hon'y Secretary of the Local N.M.S. Branch Central Committee, Mr. C. Phillips, Prof. Brar, Hon'y Treasurer of the local N.M.S. Branch and other friends were at the station to receive them and to give them a hearty welcome. Hosts—Justice and Mrs. James, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips and Prof. P. Samuels Lal.

6-30 ,, A meeting at the home of Justice and Mrs. James of all the local members of the N M.S., U.P. Area Committee and local Central N.M.S. Committee was convened. Mrs. James very kindly served tea

to 30 people present. The tea was followed by a talk by Dr. A. C. Abraham. After expressing thanks to the Christians of North India for the kind and good response the Gospel Team had received from them, he gave a vivid picture of the future expansion of the work of the Society, the need for consecrated youth from North India to share more responsibility, and the plans for wiping out the deficit of the Society, he appealed to the U.P. Area Committee to find out unoccupied fields in their Area and help in opening new fields by supplying men and the needed support. Then followed discussions on the working of the N.M.S. and its Constitution.

8-30 ,, Dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, where a number of friends were invited to meet the members of the Gospel Team.

November 10, 1057.

8-30 a.m. A.P. Mission Church Service, Katra—Mr. C. P. Michael.

9-00 ,, A.P. Mission Church Service, Jamna—Dr. S. Jesudason—His emphasis was on Christ-centred Life and witness based on the Scripture reading of Rev. 7 : 9-17.

11-00 ,, United Service at the Cathedral—Dr. A. C. Abraham gave a heart-searching sermon on the Scripture text, "The Harvest is ready but the Reapers are few....." and was listened to by a large congregation in pin-drop silence including the Bishop of Lucknow and the Church dignitaries of all the local Churches.

12-30 p.m. Community Lunch. The members of the Gospel Team found an opportunity of making contact with about 300 Christians and seemed happy as they went round talking to the people, and meeting them as though they were old friends. The Lunch was planned under the auspices of the local N.M.S., Branch but the credit for the smooth and orderly working of the whole arrangement and serving of a wholesome and delicious food at

a nominal rate of 75 Naya Paise per head goes to ths N.M.S. Ladies' Auxiliary, Allahabad, under the able guidance of Mrs. J. James, President and the expert assistance of Mrs. H. L. Wesley, Hon. Secretary, Mrs. C. Philips, Mrs. R. Mohan, Mrs. M. Tressler and Mrs. Addy, members.

4-00 ,, An informal tea-party by the members of the St. Peter's Church, Muirabad, to Dr. Abraham and Party.

4-30 ,, Central Methodist Church Service—Mr. C. P. Michael.

5-00 ,, St. Peter's Church Service— Dr. A. C. Abraham.

5-30 ,, Agricultural Institute Chapel Service—Dr. S. Jesudason.

8-00 ,, Dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Sam John's.

November 11, 1957.

9-30 a.m. Ewing Christian College Chapel Service—Dr. A. C. Abraham. Other members of the Team and Party also attended.

12-30 p.m. Lunch with the President, N.M.S., U.P. Area.

3-30 ,, Agricultural Institute Team—Dr. Abraham and Dr. Jesudason addressed the students.

5-30 ,, Youth Rally—Team—Mr. C. P. Michael and Dr. Jesudason.

7-30 ,, Meeting with the N.M.S. Committee when the Constitution of the N.M.S. was discussed in detail especially in regard to the relation of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the local Branch and Area Committee.

9-00 ,, Dinner with Mrs. Rudra, a member of the U.P. Area Committee.

November 12, 1957.

8-00 a.m. Oriental Mission Institute Bible Seminary Chapel—Dr. Abraham.

9-00 „ Personal visits to Christian families. Two names are particularly mentioned: Mrs. A. Ralla Ram, wife of the late revered Dr. Augustine Ralla Ram, and Miss Winnie Singha, at one-time President of the local N.M.S. Branch for several years, both of whom are invalids.

Visits to the North India Auxiliary of the Bible Society and the Christian Tract and Book Society.

12-30 p.m. Lunch with Hon'y Secretary, U.P. Area Committee.

6-30 „ Departure Allahabad. Dr. S. Jesudason had left by the noon train.

The Gospel Team at Jabalpur

November 13, 1957.

Morning—Arrival at Jabalpur. The Gospel Team was received by Messers. A. Cornelius, M. A. Chelliah, Theo Ainan Hosts—Accommodated at the Leonard Theological Institute Guest room.

6-30 p.m. Service in St. Paul's Parish Hall addressed by Dr. Jesudason.

„ A meeting of Defence Force Christians at Harrington Prayer Hall presided over by Capt. Devadason and addressed by Mr. C. P. Michael.

„ A meeting at the Hawabagh Training College—Dr. Abraham.

November 14, 1957.

7-00 a.m. to 1-00 p.m. Visit to Sehora Ashram.

4-30 „ Tea at Mr.A. Cornelius' to meet the local N.M.S. members and other friends.

6-30 „ English Methodist Church Service—Dr. A. C. Abraham and Dr. Jesudason.

8-00 „ Dinner at Miss A. Gadre's, Principal, Hawabagh High School who invited many friends of the N.M.S to have fellowship with the members of the Gospel Team.

November 15, 1957.

1-30 a.m. Departure Jabalpur—Dr. Jesudason left for the South.

8-00 „ Arrival of Dr. Abraham and Mr. Michael at Allahabad.

10-00 „ Visit to Prof. N. C. Mukerji, one of the Founders of the National Missionary Society. Dr. Abraham conveyed in person the greetings of the N.M.S. Executive Committee which met at Delhi on September 21 to 23, 1957 and had passed a Resolution to that effect.

6-15 p.m. Departure Allahabad.
Dr. A. C. Abraham, Mr. C. P. Michael and Mr. A. V. Singh at Butwol.

November 16, 1957.

3-00 p.m. Arrival at Butwol (Nepal)—Miss K. Sircar welcomed the Team. The Team surveyed the place and made contacts with non-Christian officials.

November 17, 1957.

10-30 a.m. Departure Butwol.

November 18, 1957.

8-10 a.m. Arrival at Allahabad.

5-00 p.m. Departure Allahabad for the South.

Remarks :—

1. The above diary is indicative of the fact that full advantage was taken of the presence of the Gospel Team in North India. On the other hand, the

members of the Gospel Team spared no pains to do full justice to their presence in North India.

2. The Gospel Team has been able to cover all the expenses incurred on its itinerary from contributions received from U.P. and that it has not been a burden on the financial resources of the National Missionary Society of India.

3. The U.P. Area Committee is very grateful indeed to the National Missionary Society of India for this great venture of faith in sending out three Servants of God on a missionary journey, and it believes that the burden they carried will not be in vain but will yield fruit according to God's grace and goodness.

4. On behalf of the N.M.S., U.P. Area Committee, the UNDERSIGNED offers her grateful thanks for the willing co-operation she received from the Presidents, Hon'y Secretaries and members of the local N.M.S. Branches of cities and towns visited by the Gospel Team, Canon Ansari and Rev. J. R. Rafi, Conveners, Meerut and Kanpur respectively, appointed by her in the absence of local N.M.S. Branches for the local arrangements and programmes, Pastors of various Churches for permitting the Gospel Team to speak from their Pulpits, and all friends and well-wishers who invited the Gospel Team and Party to meals, donors and subscribers who assisted financially and all those who upheld the Gospel Team before the THRONE OF GRACE, and who contributed in their respective capacities to the successful visit of the Gospel Team to U.P. May the Lord be praised for His wonderful goodness.

Mission Press Building,
170 (1), Noorullah Road,
Allahabad (U.P.),
November 21, 1957.

(KUMARI) M. M. SINGH,
Hon'y Secretary,
N.M.S., U.P. Area.

NEWS FROM JAWADI

I left on December 2nd '57 for the Ashram at Tirupattur and stayed there till the 14th taking medical training under Dr. Raja Savariroyan. I returned to Kuttathoor on the 9th of January '58 after spending Christmas at Madras. Many sick people including one or two Village Munsiffs eagerly waited for our return. Wherever we went we gathered people together and told them about the healing ministry of the Lord. Then medicines were given after prayer.

From 18—21 December, Brother Victor along with two other Brothers of the Ashram attended on the patients and gave medicines, and injections in some cases. About 50 people were treated. Many were suffering from fever and prayer plays an important part in our healing work.

I had to offer prayer even for a cow which was kicking its calf and refusing to yield milk. After fervent prayer it was wonderful to note that the behaviour of the cow was more kind to the calf, and Raman, the owner of the cow said that he would offer the calf to Jesus Christ, as thank-offering.

Another strange cure was given to one Lakshmanan who had a fire accident. His back was badly burnt and since no treatment was given, the sore had become very bad and bad smell was coming out. He requested me very pathetically to pray for him. Victor Annan gave some injections and also prayed for his recovery. It was strange to note that the man was improving.

A number of people are suffering from Malaria which is common in the Hilly regions. We pray in different houses for people suffering from this fever and very often faith in our Lord has brought wonderful cure.

Kindly pray for us and for all those to whom we minister. It is very cold here in the months of December and January. We actually shiver for want of warm clothing. Kindly pray for us and send whatever help you can as the Lord guides you.

MR. & MRS. EZEKIEL VEDANAYAGAM,
Evangelists, Jawadi Hills.

FROM ANNUAL NEWS LETTER

CHRISTA-MITRA ASHRAM, ANKOLA, N. CANARA

Nov. 1957.

"DEAR FRIENDS,

We have not been able to write our usual half-yearly letter this year and so must tell you the news and developments of a whole year this time. We consider it our duty and privilege to be able to tell you of our life and work here from time to time for we depend much on your sympathy and prayerful co-operation. We thank you all for your sympathetic thoughts and prayers and gifts.

On the 28th of September we had a quiet celebration of the 17th Anniversary of the Ashram. Full seventeen years have passed since we started gospel work here. All the houses in Ankola and a good many of them in the surrounding villages have been visited, some of them several times during this long period. Open-air preaching has been done. Personal contacts have been made. The Word of God is being daily preached in the Hospital at the prayer for outpatients in the morning and ward preaching also is being done regularly. Hospital also provides opportunity for more personal contacts. A few have bought copies of the Bible and some have bought copies of the New Testament and have read them with interest. The literate and thoughtful do not disbelieve the historical fact about Jesus and gladly appreciate His fine teachings and accept Him as a religious teacher. There are some who feel they can give Jesus a place with other gods and they call on "Jesu Swamy" also at the time of sickness and trouble. But a real seeking heart is not to be found. However, we are not to be disheartened but believe that the seeds will bear fruit some day and that if we are faithful, we shall make a unique contribution towards the harvest which must come sooner or later. We remember with grateful hearts all who have put in their contribution, either for long or short periods as evangelist, nurse, compounder or Doctor. Let us all unite in fervent prayer for this unusually hard field.

There have been two additions to the Ashram family during the year. We are happy to say that a son was born to Rev. and Mrs. Philip on the 8th of September and he is

the young pet of the family now. The other person who was added to the family is Miss K. V. Kunjamma who after feeling a call for a fairly long time, was able to come in July. We are thankful to the Sevika Sangham for directing her here. She is at present working at the language. M. T. Chinnamma who came a year ago and has got hold of the language fairly well by now, has a good companion for going out visiting houses with the gospel message. Both of them are full of evangelistic zeal.

Rev. Thomas, after 16 years of life and work in this remote field has been feeling the need for a change. Recently a way opened itself to offer his services to the Mar Thoma Congregation in Bombay for a year. He felt clearly the guidance of God in the matter and left in the beginning of September. As Bombay is not far from here, he hopes to come home for a few days when necessary, to discharge the duties he has here. Your prayers are requested on his behalf for the responsibilities he has in Bombay. Rev. Philip is carrying on the pastoral duties in Ankola, Karwar and Mundugod. For evangelistic visits and tour, he is at times able to get the help of one Mr. Marcus, a peon in the Salt Works nearby, a Mahratta Christian with a good grip of Kanarese. He has a strong Christian experience and great evangelistic zeal. We are grateful to him for his co-operation in the work here. You will be glad to know that Somu Devapriya, our first and only convert, conducts the Sunday Service in Kanarese while Rev. Philip is away. He is also the clerk in the Hospital. At this point, we wish to place before you for your thought and prayer, our need for two more men to help in the evangelistic work. Of the two other girls staying with us, Honnu passed Matric in May and in July she got admitted in the Compounding class in the E.T.C.M. Hospital in Kolar. It is an year's course and she will be of help in the Hospital when she completes it. She feels, as we all do, that God's hand has guided her in this specially at a time when anti-Christian forces were at work to take her away from the Christian fellowship—Seapy is helping in the Hospital as before. We need to pray much that these two girls may really see Christ as their Saviour and accept Him.

The two Mission Primary Schools, one in Ankola and the other in Aligadhe are going on as before. The Christian community in Mundugod may be a subject for prayer; all

the colonists are of a degenerated type and they need to be brought to an experience of conversion and Christian living. Of the two young men who had offered themselves for work at Mundugod, Mr. K. S. Eapen left after a year and Mr. P. V. Mathew is holding the fort alone among the unruly colonists. The foundation has been laid for a Church in Arasinakerry but it needs time and money for its completion.

Our last letter was written soon after the opening of the new Hospital building. Dr. P. O. Mathew had by then got back after finishing the M.B.B.S. Course. We are glad to say that Miss Annamma Mathew also got complete pass in May and has joined the work here as Dr. Miss Mathew. Our friends will perhaps remember that Miss Mathew came to the Ashram nine years ago. As she had had Kindergarten training, she worked as a teacher for the first three years in the Mission Primary School. But she had a great longing to take at least a nurse's training as serving the sick was dear to her heart. Then quite wonderfully God opened a way for her to go for a medical course in Ludhiana. After six years of hard study at her age, she has come back to the place of her call and we are enriched by her fellowship and selfless services. Miss Kunjamma Chacko and Mrs. Mary Philip are two other Ashram members who are on the Hospital staff.

The medical work made satisfactory progress during the past year. Dr. Mathew is a skilled surgeon and has a Christian vision. Under his able hand, assisted by the Lady Doctor and the rest of the Hospital staff all of whom work with a Christian spirit, the patients get good treatment and loving care. The people in Ankola and the neighbourhood have learned to appreciate the medical service given in the Mission Hospital. Mr. T. S. Naik, a prominent Congress leader and one who is known as the Gandhi of N. Canara had an operation for piles at a very critical stage and through prayer and careful treatment has had a very normal progress and cure. The Kanarese Daily has written appreciating the skill of Dr. Mathew and the care the patients get in the Hospital. But we know this is nothing to boast of and that it is the grace of God that carries us on. A Christian medical institution fails in its duty to both God and man if it fails to render loving service to those who are forced to enter its shelter through ill-health. We need your prayers very much that side by side with the healing of the body they receive

here, they may also be led to know the Divine Healer who is the only source of strength for the sick as well as for those who are engaged in the healing service."

P. J. THOMAS.

NEWS FROM MISS E. L. JOSHUA
ORGANISING SECRETARY, TAMILNAD

Friends,

After my visit and work in some parts of Kerala in September 1957, I had a warm invitation from the office-bearers of the local N. M. S. branch in Coimbatore to visit the place in November and to revive the branch which was then a bit inactive.

I started my work on 9th Nov. '57 in Salem, and then moved on to Erode, Podanur and Coimbatore. In each place I had five to six meetings and the attendance and response of the people were quite encouraging. It was a joy to find in this diocese (Coimbatore) in particular that the N. M. S. has entered in the hearts of the people to think, pray and give for its work, and also to hear from the pastors and leaders of the church that now in each church budget provision has been made to send an annual donation towards the support of the work.

Assurance was given in Salem that a branch would be formed and that the young people would get up a play or song service to raise money for the society.

At Erode the Women's Fellowship promised to pray for the society regularly in their monthly meetings and also to send their contribution annually. At Podanur, though the congregation is small yet men and women came in good number to hear the news of the society. The Women's Fellowship decided to give one tenth from its fund, and it did give at the end of one of the meetings. A small amount was also given from the church.

I visited a good number of families in each place and told them that in each home the N. M. S. should be remembered before the family altar and children should be

dedicated for full-time christian service and lastly stressed the point that one tenth of the income should be set apart for God's work.

At Coimbatore, meetings were arranged in different areas, different homes, churches, and Women's Fellowships. People were happy to hear the latest developments in the society's work and much assurance was given to support the society in every way.

Just before I left the place, a general body meeting was convened to decide and plan out a programme of work for the year. It was decided to have missionary meetings at least once a quarter in different parts of the town and organise a sale. 15th Dec. '57 was also fixed to have another meeting to finalise the programme.

Readers will be happy to hear that I had a very useful and blessed time everywhere. I thank Rev. Vedamuthu, and Mr. Rajah Stephen of Salem, Rev. Daniel, Mr. Woolard, Miss Grace Dason Mrs. Somasundaram of Erode, Dr. Miss R. Devaraj of Podanur, and Mr. Williams, Y. M. C. A. secretary, Mr. Basker and Dr. Robert Pitchai of coimbatore for all their help and hospitality to make my stay and work happy and blessed.

I returned to head-quarters towards the end of the month, but left on the 1st Dec. to Mayuram. I was invited to give special messages to Women's Fellowship, congregation and school children of Swedish Lutheran Church. I spent three days here, and one evening I visited a nearby village congregation and addressed them also. On the 4th Dec. I was at Shiyali where a meeting was arranged for women.

Rev. Samuel and his wife at Mayuram, Sister Klein and Mr. and Mrs. Hellinger gave all co-operation to my work and I am deeply grateful to them. Collections taken at each meeting were given for the general work.

I was at headquarters from 6th to 23rd Dec. particularly engaged in contacting women in Madras South Area to form a second Women's Auxilary to N. M. S. for this area.

Thanks be to God, a meeting was held on 19th Dec. in the N. M. S. House, and an Auxilary was formed.

On 24th I left for **Guntur** to represent the N. M. S. at the S. C. M. Triennial conference.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM Dr. S. JESUDASON (Periannan)

My dear friends,

The Eternal "WORD" the LAMB "slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13—8) became flesh and dwelt among us. In the mind of a lover of our Lord the scene of the birth of the Infant Jesus cannot be separated from the scene of Calvary and of the empty tomb and of His ever abiding Presence with Him now and for ever. Yea, he cannot forget Calvary was in the plan and heart of the Eternal "from the foundation of the world" What a grand and moving thought for Xmas season—this remembrance of the eternal self-giving Love of the Lord for us. Just as out of His outflowing love came the creation of man, even so, out of that very Love came the plan of his redemption also "from the foundation of the world". May the earth therefore repeat again the chorus "Jesus shall reign"!

Now let me give you some news of our Ashram and myself. Rajah has had his hands very full at the Hospital. Inspite of the fact that there are now four medical colleges in the Tamil Nad (Madras State) we get no qualified doctors as volunteers as we used to get them in years past when there was only One Medical College (and two schools). Medical education is regarded as an investment from which profitable dividends are expected.

The wave of Gandhian idealism that swept men into the villages for self sacrificing service in the years 1923—1947 is now replaced by a counter wave of self seeking ambition for place, power and financial gain! Indian youths—yea even their parents-cannot escape the general materialistic outlook of the world as a whole! Have they not also before their mental vision a world with its self seeking "POWERS" dividing children of the one Heavenly Father into rival

camps armed with the most diabolic weapons of mutual destruction? Thank God for the message of XMAS and its angelic song to a world like ours! Whenever I am at home in the Ashram and not out on tour for evangelistic work I try and help a little in the Hospital work and (though now only 75 Years young!) I even did an abdominal operation just before I left for Ceylon! Rajah is a very capable opthalmic surgeon and there have been many successful eye operations especially removal of cataracts during the year. There have been also large number of inpatients with tuberculosis of Lungs.

In July I spent five days staying with the medical students in their (men's) hostel at the Christian Medical College, Vellore. I conducted their daily morning and evening devotional meetings and gave an address on Sunday at a special "Dedication Service" for all the staff and students of the College and Hospital. The students showed a great affection and came to me for personal talks and prayer to the room which I shared with Francis Savarirayan at his loving invitation. In August in response to the invitation of Brother Selvarathnam and the other Ashram brothers of Chunakkam (Ceylon) Ashram, I visited Ceylon.

It is not easy in these days to get a Passport and especially to Ceylon and I had to pass through many tests! The Brothers welcomed me most lovingly and not the least of them "Uncle Lewis" who warmly embraced me with a most affectionate welcome. Little did I expect then that he would be passing away into the arms of the Saviour he loved and served soon after I left Ceylon. How vividly I remember those old days when he and I (a medical student then) used to go for "slum work" in a Madras suburb on Sundays more than fifty years ago.

After conducting a Retreat, at the Ashram and speaking at churches, Brother Sam, some friends and I travelled from Jaffna in a van on a preaching tour to several places working our way southward (crossing many ferrys) breaking our journey at "Jothy Nilayam" where brother Yesusagayam is working among the aboriginal "Vedas", and a soa Batticaloa and Kalmunai where I laid the foundation of a chapel for the "Christava Illam" a women's centre founded by Sister Atkins. In Colombo I spoke at some churches on Sunday and also conducted a Retreat for students. One of

the medical students asked me how a medical man like myself could take to a "religious life and missionary work!" Rev. Durai Raj took us in his car from Galle to Ureboka Ashram about 60 Miles away. Though it was midnight Sister Constance Jayawardana welcomed us warmly in her simple cottage amidst the lonely hills of this South Ceylon, not far from Matara the southern-most point of the island. I conducted a Retreat and we had also Holy Communion in the little shed on a hilltop serving as a chapel. I admired this physically very delicate Singhalese sister working so bravely in a lonely place among the simple Singhalese villagers here. I wish the Singhalese Christian church and its authorities gave her more encouragement. In the Northern Tamil areas of the island the Tamil Christians are very enthusiastically co-operating with Ashram Brothers.

(To be continued)

REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR

N. M. S.
RURAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE FELLOWSHIP CAMPS

1. Thondi Camp, Ramnad Dt. 8th—23rd April '58
2. Madurandakam, Chengleput Dt. } 2nd & 3rd weeks of May '58
3. Sholinghur N. Arcot Dt. }

Financial Statement of the N. M. S. of India for the period 1st April 1957 to 31st January, 1958.

RECEIPTS

Opening Balance ...				Rs. 1853	08
Punjab ...	Rs.	90	00		
United Provinces ...		3331	65		
N. India Gospel Team ...		655	50		
Delhi ...		994	33		
Bengal & Calcutta ...		577	17		
Assam ...		154	00		
Bihar ...		462	87		
Orissa ...		5	00		
Madhya Bharat ...		25	00		
Rajastan ...		116	05		
Bombay ...		1853	53		
Madhya Pradesh ...		442	38		
Hyderabad & Andhra ...		646	51		
Kerala ...		955	98		
S. Kanara ...		4030	17		
Madras ...		1673	87		
Madras L. Auxiliary ...		2829	91		
Puram School Grant ...		3937	23		
Katteri „ „ ...		889	60		
Ankola „ „ ...		977	00		
N. T. Area ...		1323	50		
S. T. Area ...		2837	20		
Out Side India ...		334	01		
Birthday Gifts ...		229	00		
Interest ...		865	12		
N.M.I. & Deepikai ...		289	47		
Miscellaneous ...		485	92		
For Nepal Work ...		1616	72		
For Jawadi Hills Work ...		1087	93		
For Women's Fellowship Puram		745	00		
Field Receipts ...		1311	49		
Anonymous ...		1456	00		
M. T. S. C. E. ...		1500	00		
Advance to Exec. Com. etc., adjusted ...		1090	18	39819	29
			Total Rs.	41672	37

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EXPENDITURE

Puram Field expenses ... Rs.	8639	02	
„ House compensation Mrs. R. C. ...	2500	00	
„ Women's Fellowship	492	82	
Katteri ...	4002	92	
Ankola - Karwar ...	1083	49	
Kumta ...	1095	00	
Honawar Mission Field...	814	81	
Headquarters ...	4763	65	
N. M. I. & Deepikai ...	2171	67	
Organising Secretary, Tamilnad	2317	87	
„ „ N. India	789	01	
Hony. General Secretary...	858	92	
„ Associate General Secretary	240	52	
Retirement allowance Mr. S. J. D.	900	00	
Executive Committee expenses	2805	53	
* General ...	2457	00	
Jawadi Hills ...	1676	37	
Nepal ...	1605	00	
Puri Ashram ...	81	35	
Imprest account ...	350	00	
N. India Gospel Team ...	571	67	
			40216 62
Closing Balance Rs.			1455 75
Total Rs.			41672 37

* N. M. S. Sunday ... Rs.	295	58
Hony. Deputation ...	581	09
Affiliation fees ...	50	00
General printing ...	444	80
Corporation Tax ...	75	36
Bank charges ...	473	34
S.J.D's Funeral expense etc.,	150	02
Miscellaneous ...	386	81
	2457	00

(Sd.) J. B. Masillamani,
Hon. Treasurer N.M.S.

SERAMPORE COLLEGE CONVOCATION: 1958

The Convocation of Serampore College was held on January 25th under the presidentship of Mr. P. Mahanty, M.A., General Secretary of the Bible Society of India and Ceylon, the Master of the College.

The Convocation address was delivered by Rev. Dr. N. H. Snaith, Principal of Wesley College, Leeds, and President designate of the British Methodist Conference.

In his report the President of the Senate referred to the work of the nineteen theological colleges throughout India which are affiliated to Serampore. He stressed also the concern of the Senate to provide more and better facilities in India for post-graduate Theological study.

The Degree of Doctor of Divinity, **Honoris Causa** was conferred on two distinguished servants of the Church in India—the Rt. Rev. S. K. Chatterjee, M.A., Moderator of the United Church of North India, and Rev. M. H. Harrison, S.T.M., PH.D. of the United Theological College, Bangalore.

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"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"
"and lo, I am with you alway,
even unto the end of the world—*Amen.*"

NEWS AND NOTES

You will have seen from the N. M. I. that this summer also we are having the Rural Christian Service Fellowship Camps at three places: (1) Thondi in Ramnad Dt. (2) Madurantakam in Chingleput Dt., and (3) Sholinghur in N. Arcot Dt. We specially invite your attention to the Camp at Thondi which is intended for students, both men and women, of Madura and Ramnad. Bishop Newbigin is taking great interest in it and also we are getting good leaders. Rev. J. S. Paranjothi, Pastor at Devakottai is making all arrangements for the Camp. The Campers will kindly write to him about the date of their arrival at Thondi.

We have received an encouraging letter from Mr. & Mrs. Sam John who have settled down at the Ishapanthi Ashram, Puri. In spite of all inconveniences, they like the place and are planning to make it a Rural Development Centre in addition to the evangelistic work to be undertaken. They need young volunteers to join them in this important work. Your prayers are asked on behalf of both of them.

Readers will be glad to know that our Hon. General Secretary Dr. A. C. Abraham will be ordained as Deacon of the Church of S. India at Hyderabad on 25th March '58. Those who have met him will know of his evangelistic zeal and untiring work in the cause of Church and the Missions in India. He is touring widely in connection with the N.M.S. work and

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his addresses are much appreciated. Let us pray that God may wonderfully use him, not only in the N. M. S., but in connection with the Church in India.

In Madras city a religious play entitled "Onesimus" was staged by the members of the Messiah Youth Brigade, Madras in February last. The play was a free one and a large number of young people and their parents were present. The acting was well done and this opportunity was taken to appeal to the audience about the evangelistic work of the N. M. S. in different parts of India.

Friends will kindly remember the good work done in Jawadi Hills where Mr. & Mrs. Vedanayagam are working zealously among the hill tribes. They are in need of a married couple to work with them in the hills.

At Butwol in Nepal Miss K. Sircar and two young men are carrying on the work. This work also may be remembered in your prayers.

GOSPEL IN HONOWAR, MYSORE STATE AND KUMTA, N. KANARA—1957

On a bright morning in May, we went by motor-launch nine miles up the Sharavati from Honawar. Some of the passengers, who sat next to us, listened to the Good News, and bought gospel copies, before we got down. The two-day camp at Anilgod was a joyful time of gospel work. We were welcome at every home in the village. Some of them shared their religious views and needs and problems with us. The challenge of God's love and great gift of His Son came to all, whom we called on. They loved to hear us sing Christian lyrics and tell the old story. When the concluding prayer in the Name of Jesus was offered, all of them joined us in silent devotion. It was moving to hear a Hindu farmer praying a short prayer with folded hands, "Yesu Swami, come into my heart." Subsequent visits to Anilgod have also been encouraging.

Our next centre of work in Honowar was Pavinkurve, a village washed by the sea and river on either side. We talked to the children and teachers about Jesus, and met the Harkandars (fishermen) and the Kumarpanths (agriculturists) at their homes. The rival claims of Christ the Saviour and the local and house-hold deities left them no room for compromise. However, they gladly listened to the gospel stories

and lyrics and joined us in prayer. An old man and his son who sat on the sea-shore mending fishing nets responded to the challenge of Christ, and answered, "Yes, I do believe in Yesu Swami."

Haldipur, another village in Honowar, and fourteen other villages in Kumta have also been visited from time to time. The Rev. P. V. Philip of the Ankola Ashram, who joined our small team on one occasion brought us much cheer and zest for the Lord's work. Pandu, an out-caste employee of the local katcheri has been a diligent enquirer of the WAY during his short stay at Kumta. Venkatesh and his family, who are just three-year-olds in the Christian walk of life, have been suffering from infantile diseases common to little children in their faith. Nevertheless, he is struggling to follow the Light. Let us hold this poor Hindu family before the Throne of Grace as often as we can. Only then with the weak-kneed believers stand four square against the wiles of the devil and put him to rout.

The need for a great revival among the members of the small congregations at Hanowar, Kumta, Sirsi and other places in N. Kanara is keenly felt. Hence the gospel campaign has been continued on two fronts—the christian and non-christian.

On assessing the evangelistic work in Honawar and Kumta, we feel conscious of our many shortcomings and are humbled. Jesus never fails; but we have failed Him many a time. "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the nations for thy inheritance." "Ask, and ye shall receive." The unfailing promises of God and His abiding presence challenge us to climb greater heights of the impossible, and set the soles of our feet on the promised land. We feel confident that the Word of God has not been sown in vain. It shall sprout and break through the hard-crust of age-long traditions and superstitions. Our Lord is mighty in battle. He will take captivity captive and set free our brothers and sisters of all castes and creeds from the bondage of sin and satan. If you would sustain us daily with your prayers, a day will dawn, when you will rejoice with the angels in Heaven over a great multitude of people washed clean in the blood of the Lamb, singing anthems of Halleluiah, at His coming.

Honowar }
4-2-1958. }

Mr. K. T. George (on leave)
Mr. K. M. Mammen
Mr. N. V. Chacko
Rev. P. John Thomas

Mr. A. V. SINGH, ORGANISING SECRETARY, N. INDIA, WRITES:

In January '58 I visited three cities with good response—Fyzabad, Gonda and Bahraich.

In Fyzabad they did not find it worthwhile to form a regular branch. But the Pastor in-charge Rev. G. Saadatullah and Mr. Stephens—Asstt. Resident Engineer, Electric Power House—have offered full co-operation and the latter will act as our Secretary to collect funds for the Society annually and arrange for the observance of N.M.S. Week and Sunday. During the day, in the company of Rev. Saadatullah, I visited Christian homes, and in the evening addressed a meeting in the Church where about 20 friends gathered, who listened to the message of the N. M. S. with keen interest which was evident from the questions asked at the close of the message. Before the meeting started Mr. Forbes the missionary in-charge there (Australian) came to the church to wish me success in our enterprise. He was sorry he could not attend the meeting as he was leaving for Delhi. But that shows the interest taken by some of our missionary friends in the work of the N.M.S. Mr. C. F. Chattree, whom I saw at his house next day gave a donation of Rs. 10/-. At his house I met his brother-in-law Mr. H. C. Dey—Divisional Forest Officer, Naini Tal who has promised to help us in Naini Tal. In Fyzabad Mr. T. Edwin, an officer in the Railways and a Roman Catholic by conviction, was my kind host.

Gonda—In Gonda in the morning (it was Sunday the 26th Jan.) I spoke in the Sunday School. It being Republic Day I chose for my text—Luke 4: 18.—"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, **to preach deliverance to the captives,** and recovering of sight to the blind, **to set at liberty** them that are bruised". I explained to them the meaning of true liberty. Though India has achieved political freedom, she is still struggling to achieve economic and social freedom—freedom from poverty, ignorance and disease. May India—with her gigantic plans-achieve these freedoms soon! But there is another freedom and India cannot achieve this freedom by her own efforts—the spiritual freedom. There is only one deliverer for giving this freedom—Christ the Messiah. The Bonds of superstition, idolatory and sin which fetter Mother

India can only be broken by the power of the shed blood of the Lamb. May India soon accept Christ as her deliverer and be free—really—spiritually free !! In the end I told them the part N.M.S. is playing in preaching Christ to our country men—Christ the true deliverer from the bonds of sin and death. In the evening service I gave the N.M.S. message and told them about its present activities. Through the kindness of Dr. (Miss) Walters,—Principal of the Girls School and Rev. S. A. Singh, D. S. Sunday School and evening Service offertory amounting to Rs. 4/- and Rs. 7-11-3 respectively were given for N. M. S. work. At Gonda Mr. & Mrs. S. A. Singh were my kind hosts and Dr. (Miss) Walter invited us for tea. After the evening service election of office-bearers was held. As there was no proper list of members of N. M. S. available at the moment, the branch was reorganised and new office-bearers were elected. There were about 60 strong present who showed great zeal for election and N.M.S. work; and I hoped and prayed for this zeal to continue and bear fruit in future and that with new election the Gonda branch will go forward from strength to strength. The following office-bearers were elected. (1) Mr. A. E. Yeoward—President (2) Mr. J. A. Archer—Vice President. (3) Mr. Daniel Khan —Secretary. (4) Mrs. D. M. Archer—Treasurer.

From Gonda I went to Bahraich where Mr. S. L. Rassmann—Missionary (Indian) in charge of Interior Mission was my kind host. He took me round the city in his car and arranged a meeting in his church in the evening, where, due to inclement weather only about 20 friends gathered to listen to the N. M. S. message. The collection was Rs. 2-8-3. After the meeting, with the help and co-operation of Mr. Rassmann a regular branch was formed with the following office bearers (1) Mr. S L. Rassmann—President (2) Mr. P. M. Singh—Vice President (3) Mr. O. W. Peters—Secretary (4) Mr. I. Peters—Treasurer. Next morning Mr. O. W. Peters—our Secy, took me round and we visited christian homes with encouraging result. Mr. A. D. Tewari (Tahsildar) donated Rs. 10/- Mr. Rassman has also promised to try to get a Nepalese evangelist for our work in that country. They have also asked us to open a new fleld in or on the border of Nepal in the Dist. of Bahraich, for which they are willing to give us some land if our committee decides to open a field there. The matter may come up before our ensuing Area Committee meeting next month for consideration and sending their recommendation to H. Q. if so decided.

REPORT OF THE WORK AT THIMMAMPET

We had two camps in February. One in Thimmampet from 7th to 10th February. The camp that had to be held in the Jawadhi hills from 28th February to 3rd March, had to be cancelled as the roadson the hills is closed for traffic. We desired to have the camp in Thonganur, an unoccupied area in Salem District,but that also had to be cancelled at the last minute. We are grateful to brother Shanmuga Sundaram of Madavalam, popularly known as Swamiar for having kindly invited us to have the camp in his place. We visited four villages during our stay there and preached the Word of God to the patients who came to brother Shanmuga Sundaram. He needs to be helped in his work and so we are hoping to co-operate with him in future in doing evangelistic work in his area.

S. GNANASUNDARAMONY,
Missionary in charge, Puram.

EVANGELISTIC WORK AT THIMMAMPET

I invited the monthly Gospel group to camp at Thimmampet for 3 days. One Muthu Gounder gave us a small house for our stay and many of the local people helped us in many ways. The campers were 10 in number and the Christian lady teacher of the place spent the whole of Sunday with us. Some of the keen enquirers attended our Bible study, joined in our worship and were keenly observing our intercessions.

On Saturday the 8th Feb. at Mindapet the direct message "Sin and Salvation through Christ" was given to a group of nearly 50 adults and 40 children. The three adults to whom we were giving Christian teaching for many months were ready to receive baptism the next day, in spite of opposition from the parents of Gurudoss.

So, on Sunday at 2 p.m. we arranged for the baptism service. Amburan Gurudoss, his wife Mangamma, Jeyamoni and Muthu Samuel expressed their willingness to give up idolworship and all Hindu rites and boldly confessed their faith in Jesus Christ. Rev. S. Gnanasundaramoni gave a suitable message and Bro. Jaya David of C. K. Ashram offered the dedication prayer.

I am constantly visiting them so that they may grow in faith. Gurudoss and Muthu along with P. R. David visit the nearby villages on Sunday evenings and share their Christian experience with them. I have made all arrangements for regular Sunday Worship at Mindapet.

R. GNANADIKAM.

NEWS FROM POONA

We were happy to have the General Secretary visit us at last. He was here for a week-end and did not spare himself but took every opportunity to meet different groups, large and small, in different parts of this large city.

Within an hour after arrival he was taken to the Theological Seminary to meet the students there and speak at their assembly. Later that evening there was a social and general meeting in the largest city church. On Sunday, January 26, he spoke in three different churches where special Services had been arranged. In the (Anglican) Church of India Burma and Ceylon, the Marathi and Tamil congregations had a united service, and then at the Methodist Church there was a special Republic Day service. In the evening there was a really united service at Kirkee, in the Church of Scotland Mission Church. Seven pastors of different denominations took part in a well—planned service and the church was full to overflowing. The collection at that service was presented to the N.M.S.

We are indeed grateful to the pastors and congregations for their cooperation. The happy fellowship of Christians is such a blessed experience. We are indebted to Dr. Abraham for his inspiring messages which have roused us to realise our responsibility in spreading the Gospel through the N.M.S.

On his return from Bombay, on the night of January 31, and before he left for Hyderabad, Dr. Abraham was able to meet several members of the N.M S. branch at a bring your own dinner party and talk more in detail about the progress and problems of the different fields. It was decided by the members to raise the requisite Rs. 1000/- to get the Puri Ashram ready for use and to supply an equipped medicine chest. Promises totalling Rs. 650/- were made on the spot,

and it is hoped that Rs. 1000/- will be sent to headquarters shortly. The question of opening a field in Maharashtra, raised by the General Secretary, will engage our attention as we meet on the first Tuesday of every month.

We, Christians of India, have a very big responsibility. The N.M.S. is ours and it is up to us to make it a Spiritual force blessed with the spiritual heritage of this country and the enlightenment of Christianity. May God use each one of us to spread the Gospel.

We will pray specially for the three new fields at Jawadi, Butwol and Puri and try to be more regular in sending our humble mite for the N.M.S.

A Poona member.

LETTER FROM Miss E. L. JOSHUA,

Organising Secretary, Tamil Nad.

On the 24th I left for Guntur to attend the S C.M. Conference which was held in Andhra Christian College from 24th December to 1st January I thank God for the privilege and opportunity provided to meet friends from West Pakistan, Ceylon and India and to hear the inspiring messages that came through Children of God. Those days were a real time of spiritual blessing to one and all present. I had the privilege to convey the greetings of the society, and to speak for a few minutes to that big gathering of more than four hundred young men and women including some senior friends. Whenever I found time I placed the challenge of our society before individuals and groups and distributed the Bible book marks.

During the Conference, I had an invitation from Rev. Ratna Reddy to be at Bezwada on the 29th December and to preach and give N.M.S news in the Telugu service in the morning and in the English service in the evening. I accepted the invitation. As the schools were closed for the the holidays, I could not meet and speak to young people.

A two-day' Conference for the women of the Andhra Lutheran Church was held in Stall Memorial Girls High School, and I had the opportunity to speak to them for twenty minutes, and I was surprised to find that they knew

nothing about the General N.M.S. Work. I appealed to all Lutheran leaders of the Church to give news not only on the work in Madhya Pradesh, but also about N.M.S. work in general so that they may get the picture of whole India being filled with the spirit of Christ, and also pray for all N.M.S. Work and not be selfish in their prayers also.

On the 3rd December I visited Narasaraopet and I spoke to the Lutheran Youth and contacted the Baptist pastor and few leaders of this Church. As the pastor was not well, and being a holiday, meetings could not be arranged. My idea in contacting Baptist Misssion leaders was to get the Baptist Church also interested is the society's work. The pastor promised to make all arrangements for my visit next time and see that his church also supported the society.

Next I moved on to Nandyal. Bishop Partridge and his wife were very kind to me, and I was their guest. Bishop could not arrange many meetings for me as he was away, and also my letter did not reach him in time.

A combined women's meeting for the C.I.B.C. and C.S.I was held in the church on 5th January. There were nearly forty-five men present at the meeting. The society's news and message were received with joy. They asked me to visit the place again and spend some more days there.

I called on the Archdeacon and a good number of important leaders of the church of C.I.B.C. and they all told me that the church observed the N.M S. week of Prayer regularly and contributed annually for many years, but with the factions that came into the church with the Union, work of the N.M.S. was completely forgottten. Now they could revive the interest among the churches and contribute annually towards the society.

One of the ladies by name Mrs. Lucy Lazarus offered to help the Rural Christian Service Fellowship Camp in Summer this year.

I have nothing much to say in conclusion except to thank God Almighty for all His Blessings and Mercies showered on me day by day to carry on my work with joy and peace at heart.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His Benefits."

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM Dr. S. JESUDASON—*(Contd.)*

(Periannan)

After my return to our Tirupattur Ashram in the latter part of September the staff and students of the Lutheran Theological College of Madras Gurukul spent about five days with us. We had devotional meetings and discussion classes on subjects like "Aims and Ideals of Christian Ashrams", "Boodan Movement". We also visited together the neighbouring villages for evangelistic work Above all, our one-ness in Christ and the very fine fellowship we had together were inspiring and helpful to us all. In the beginning of October, according to the invitation of dear Nallathamby I went to address the students at their annual S.C.M. camp at the Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, Punjab. As at Vellore, I stayed at the Men's Hostel in the guest room of the warden Dr. S. Mookerji's residence, right in the midst of the students. They came to me at all times of the day or night for private and personal talks-both Christian and non-Christian students especially Sikhs. They opened their hearts and we had very intimate talks together and prayer. This intimacy of experience as a father with sons with these young people has been the most exhilarating and encouraging factor in my life convincing me that love and sharing transcend age and other differences of our earthly life, even such as disagreements in the realm of the mind and thinking between one another. Down the ages the churches have bitterly quarrelled and persecuted one another because of theological differences, and why, because they had forgotten the fundamental teaching of Christ that love of His disciples for one another was the mighty power for attracting others to their Lord. Not mere Theology but Divine Love will save this world. I cannot forget how this tender love of these lads sometime acted. As I sat near two of them alone once at Delhi and then here in the South, they prayed (Mohit and Christy) 'O, Lord make Dr. Jesudason live long upon this earth !!! Dear boys, they did not realise that Jesus in about three years did far more than the like of me have been able to accomplish in many, many times that period! Principal Dr. E. L. B. Snow had arranged for my stay in Kashmir. I trekked up long distances up the hills in a bus through Kashmir leaving Pathancot one fine morning. How could I describe the beauty of this lovely Eden of hills and dales, rivers

and lakes as we passed up the ascents sometimes taking risks as the bus was winding round the hill paths with ravines yawning below! At Kud where we had to spend a night on the way I was nearly frozen as I had not taken with me sufficient warm clothing. During my return journey snow was lying all over this place. As the first view of the Kashmir valley burst upon my eyes I must confess a certain amount of disappointment! Kashmir has been so much advertised that one looks for more scenic beauties than even Kashmir could provide owing to one's undue expectations. I spent eight very happy restful days at Srinagar with Miss Mallinson who showed me all the loving hospitality of a Sister in Christ. Her college and comrades Misses Pant and Phail and others were all very kind to me.

I addressed the High School Girls who were Miss Mallinson's pupils one morning. Another forenoon I spoke to the Boys of Tyndal Biscoe High School from which the present Kashmir Premier Bakhsi and some other ministers have hailed.

SHAHDOL MEDICAL WORK

Dr. (Miss) Rama Bai Gopal writes: "I was happy to learn that Dr. Roy Ebenezer (Vellore) has given you a list of instruments to equip me for eye work at Shahdol. Yes, a refraction set is very useful as I am turning away many cases that are coming for refraction of eyes. In front of our N.M.S. Hospital, a nissan hut like the one we saw at Rewa will serve as a good eye dispensary. A basement is already there. I can do refraction in the evenings.

"Patients are increasing day by day. From 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. we have a lot of work to do. I have to do nursing also because Marthamma is on night duty this week and Devadanam is alone. We have good income; Praise God, but side by side there are many expenses too.

"This evening (6—2—1958) I gave my witness again in a prayer meeting held in our N.M.S. House. As Mrs. Krupadanam is moving into a new house, she invited the Hindu lecturers residing in the upper block of her old house for our prayer meeting. We sang many songs and I showed

them the verse on the wall (2 Cor. 12, 9) and spoke on it. We pray that the seed might bear fruit in His own time.

"We did good work in December but in January till the 10th there was some adverse propaganda, and the attendance was poor but now the atmosphere has completely changed. Today a doctor who was against us brought his friend's wife for examination. No one is troubling us now-a-days. God is guiding us every moment and using us abundantly in His service.

"We got the Aladdin lamp. It is very beautiful but cost us nearly Rs 75/- with postage (Rs. 50/- was received as a gift for a lamp from Rev. D. Ebenezer, Madras-30). It was also dedicated last Sunday."

OUR MID INDIA WORK

Shahdol Hospital: The work has been carried on with devotion. A child in a critical state of health was admitted and was tended with great care by the doctor and nurses. When after two days, it passed away, the doctor wrote "I could not look into the sad face of the mother. Please pray for her." This was the first death in the hospital. Three days later, Mrs. Krupadanam who besides her work as congregational and evangelistic missionary helps in the hospital wrote, "The whole town is talking about our N.M.S. Hospital —about the love and concern with which not only the baby was received in the hospital, but the remarkable attention received throughout day and night. The Hindu parents and relatives, and the Sikhs who as friends visited the child have spread the news, and that was welcome testimony." In many other ways too the hospital is winning the hearts of the people. The income has been growing steadily, and also the expenses. At present the doctor is able to handle only medical and maternity cases. Though she is well qualified for eye work and surgical work, the doctor has had to turn away those who ask for eye and surgical treatment, for which there is a great demand. As two eye doctors have contributed Rs. 500/- and Rs. 50/- respectiveley, a refraction set to examine patients for eye-glasses will soon be supplied. The doctor will still need surgical instruments both for general and for eye work. Special contributions generously and speedily given will enable the N.M.S. Hospital (Lutheran section) to meet a real need and extend its usefulness.

Our congregational work: Rev. T. Spencer has been functioning from August 1951 as evangelistic missionary. In view of the establishment of a good congregation at Shahdol mostly of railway employees of Madhya Pradesh and in Government Developments, chiefly from Kerala, it was necessary to secure the recognition of the neigbouring supporting church to administer sacraments. The Madhya Pradesh Lutheran Church having accepted him as a member of its ministerium, he is now fully qualified to function as an ordained missianary in our Rewa field.

Rev. and Mrs. T. Spencer were commissioned by the Rev. Dr. G. Devasahayam as President of the Lutheran Section of the N.M.S., assisted by other officers as missionaries to the N.M.S. field in Mid India. At the same time, Rev. and Mrs. Victor Gunny of Chindwara were commissoned as missionaries to Tanganiylka to work among Hindus and Indian Moslems at Daar-es-Salam in the first place. These were commissioned as missionaries of the Lutheran Federation in India by its President, the Rev. E. Raman of Sagor, M.Pr. May we pray that the Lord of the harvest send forth more labourers into His harvest.

J. D. ASIRVADAM.

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even unto the end of the world—*Amen.*"

DEVOTIONAL

Christianity stands or falls with the person of Jesus Christ whether He is a Living Christ or a Dead One. Jesus on many occasions declared to His disciples that He is a living Saviour. At Bethany, to Martha He Said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live"; at Samaria to the woman He said, "I am the living water", to Thomas, "I am the way, the truth and the life" and to the disciples "I am the bread of life".

Jesus in many ways also showed that "the Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men and they shall kill him and the third day he shall be raised again". In spite of all these declarations, it never occurred to the disciples and to the women who ministered to Him that Jesus would rise on the third day. On the other hand, the Chief priests remembered His sayings and took good care to request Pilate to have the tomb sealed.

The disciples were not only slow in understanding but they were also afraid because when they heard of the resurrection of the Lord, they took the words of the women as "idle tales". Even when Jesus appeared to them, "they were startled and frightened and supposed that they saw a spirit". Once they were convinced of the fact of resurrection and saw the living Christ, there was a complete change in their lives.

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They boldly preached the Risen Christ and turned the world upside down. It was this hope of Risen Christ that enabled them to face persecution and trials, cruel mockings and scourgings, bonds and imprisonment, and death by sword and crucifixion.

Christ is very much alive today as He was 2,000 years ago and works in His Church which is His living Body.

A living Church therefore must grow and expand. The first message of the Risen Christ to Mary Magdalene is "Go and Tell" and to His disciples "As my Father sent me, so send I you." The last farewell message is "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost".

"The Church must expand or else it will die."

Secondly, the living Church must express the love and compassionate acts of mercy of its living Christ. The Church must feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, entertain the stranger, clothe the naked, visit the sick in home and prison, and uplift the fallen.

What is the state of the Church today? Is the world seeking the living Christ in the Church? Christ brought life, light, sunshine and warmth to all who came in touch with Him, so must the Church be Christ-like.

The Church must choose the better part and not still concern itself with rituals and ceremonies, traditions and doctrines, rules and regulations.

Let Easter remind us once again that Christ is alive. Mary Magdalene said "I have seen the Lord." A Christian must be one who can say "I have seen the Lord". Christianity does not mean knowing about Christ but it means knowing Christ that He is alive in him.

Is Christ alive in our hearts?

A. C. ABRAHAM.

NEWS AND NOTES

Our readers will be glad to know that our Hon. General Secretary Dr. A. C. Abraham was ordained as the Deacon of the C. S. I. on the 25th March, 1958 at Hyderabad. The ceremony was inspiring and attended by a large number of friends. A short account of the Ordination Service appears elsewhere in this issue. May the Lord bless Dr. Abraham and give him the strength and wisdom to serve the Church and the N.M.S. in India.

Miss K. Sircar who was at Butwol, Nepal all these months had to come to Allahabad on some urgent private business. Now she has gone back to Butwol to join the Fellowship. During her absence, Mr. Mathai was helped by Mr. Eapen. We understand that the latter has gone back to his place for medical training. We shall remember the Fellowship in Nepal in our prayers that God's work may go on in that strange place. Volunteers who wish to join the Fellowship may kindly inform Miss Sircar who will make the necessary arrangements to take them into the Fellowship.

The N.M.S. Rural Camp at Thondi in Ramnad Dt. in South India began on the 8th April, 1958. Miss E. L. Joshua and Rev. S. Gnanasundaramani are in charge of the Camp, and they will be joined by one or two leaders. About 15 young men and women have joined the Camp due to Miss Joshua's visit to Madura. Your prayers are asked for these Camps that in spite of bad weather and lack of facilities, the Campers will be greatly blessed.

Two other Camps will be run in May—one in Sholinghur in the North Arcot Dt. and the other in Madurantakam in Chingleput Dt. People who desire to attend these Camps will kindly contact Rev. C. S. Vedakan, Church of South India, Chingleput.

Many probably know that Pandita Ramabai's Centenary is to be celebrated throughout India on the 23rd April this year. The Indian Christians of Madras also met at the N.M.S. Office to concert measures for the Celebration. A Committee has been formed with Mrs. Tara Cherian, Mayor of Madras as the Chairman of the Celebration Committee and Mr. A. V. Thomas, Chairman of the Finance Committee. Sunday, the 27th April will be observed as Pandita Rama-

bai's Day in the Churches of South India. Contributions may be sent to the N.M.S. House, Royapettah, Madras.

Mr. & Mrs. Sam John have settled down at the Ishapanthi Ashram, Puri and they are now engaged in making arrangements for the repair of the buildings which are in a dilapidated condition. The repairs will be very expensive, and for the time being, temporary arrangements are being made to accommodate visitors. Rev. R. C. Das and a few friends are expected to camp here about the end of April. It is hoped that in spite of the difficulties and discouragements, the work will progress.

It is planned to send a Gospel Team consisting of Rev. Dr. A. C. Abraham, Mr. C. P. Michael and Rev. R. C. Das. I am sure that satisfactory arrangements will be made for the Team to contact the Churches and the Indian Christian leaders in Calcutta. Mr. N. K. Bose is in charge of arrangements for this Gospel Team. Your prayers are asked on behalf of the Team.

There is a great need for young Evangelists, especially married couple, to join the Vedanayagams at Jawadi Hills. There is great scope for religious and medical work among the people on the Hills. Those who feel the call may apply to the N.M.S. Office, Royapettah, Madras.

NEWS FROM HYDERABAD

March 25th, 1958 was a very eventful day in the history of the Church of the Church of South in Medak Diocese, for on that day three laymen were ordained as Hon. Deacons by the Rt. Rev. F. Whittaker, Bishop in Medak before a large congregation.

The three ordinands were Dr. A. C. Abraham, Retired Civil Surgeon, Hyderabad Govt. Mr. J. A. Masilamoni, retired Accountant, Electricity Dept, Hyderabad and Mr. W. S. Skillicon, a young missionary from Australia who has recently been appointed as a treacher in St. George's School, Hyderabad.

The service started with the choir, nine presbyters, the three ordinands followed by the Bishop coming up the aisle in procession singing "Breathe on me the breath of God." Then

the Ordination Service began according to the Order of Service as set down by the C.S.I. The candidates were presented to the Bishop by the Rev. E. L. Ananta Rao, Vice-Chairman and convener of the Ministerial Committee, Medak Diocese. The Bishop examined the candidates and then laid his hands on the head of each candidate, delivered the New Testament and gave him the Right Hand of Fellowship.

The Epistle was read by the Rev. Childe, a Methodist Missionary from England who was passing through Hyderabad and the Gospel was read by the newly ordained deacon, Dr. A. C. Abraham.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. E. L. Ananta Rao who took his text the 17th verse from Colossians 4th chapter" And say to Archippus—"See that you fulfil the ministry which you have received in the Lord". It was a very inspiring and soul stirring sermon. He not only welcomed the candidates individually into the ministry of the Church but gave them very useful advice. Evangelism he said, is every Christian's duty but these Deacons have a unique and enviable position as they are honorary for people will not say to them "These are paid to preach the Gospel".

The service was followed by Holy Eucharist which was celebrated according to C.S.I. Liturgy. The service ended with the hymn "Thy Hand, O God, has guided, Thy flock, from age to age".

The deacons received warm congratulations and I understand that Dr. A. C. Abraham who is also the Hon. General Secretary of N. M. S. has received a very valuable gift of books from the Standing Committee of N. M. S. and from other friends.

The Medak Diocese is proud to ordain these laymen as they have already rendered yeomen service to the Church and their ordination will mark a great step in the implementation of the new pattern of the C.S.I.

We wish the newly ordained Hon. Deacons God's blessing and useful and rich ministry.

Mrs. C. K. Williams
Treasurer,
Hyderabad Branch of N.M.S.

REPORT OF THE MONTHLY MEETING

Held on 27–3–58 in Tirupattur, N. A. Dt.

The monthly meeting for the educated Hindu friends in Tirupattur was held on 27—3—58. The District Munsiff, Sri Sivagurunathan, B.A., B L., was in the chair and Dr. S. Jesudason (Periannan) spoke on "the Concept of Divine Grace". He said that the word 'arul' in tamil expresses the meaning of the word 'Grace' in full sense and that 'arul of God' is revealed to humanity through a person. He quoted Thayumanavar's couplet in which he speaks of a Personal God who gives himself and by his grace safeguards us and this manifestation of God is described as "Thiru Arul Thotram". This is an answer to the concept of the God who is Nirguna. God has revealed himself through a person and that he is Sarguna.

St. Paul speaks about God emptying himself in order to become one with man to save him. This is not one that happened two thousand years ago only, but from the very beginning—'The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" Rev. 13:8. "He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Phil. 2:8 Christ chose the cross, which was most degrading, in order to save. This is the 'arul or grace of God.'

Salvation—is it an act of pure grace or is there any thing by which man achieves this? He quoted Toplady "Nothing in my hand I bring—Simply to the cross I cling." God has given free will to man, and freedom is such that man can say no to God, but grace is given in abundance and it is there for those who can accept willingly.

Many experienced, and elderly people took part in the discussion and it is our earnest prayer that the light of the Gospel should be shed abroad in the hearts of people and they be led to Christ the Saviour of the world.

S. GNANASUNDARAMONY.

Miss E. L. JOSHUA'S VISIT TO GOOTY

We, the members of the Gooty Town Church, were indeed happy to have in our midst Miss E. L. Joshua, the Organising Secretary, Tamilnad. She arrived at Gooty on 5—3—58. She had four meetings on the whole. But the last one was a sort of business meeting. She spoke to the members of the church, the youngsters and the women's fellowship separately on 6th evening, 7th morning and 7th evening respectively.

At the beginning of the first meeting she expressed her inability to speak to us in good and idiomatic Telugu. But yet, her speech in Telugu was simple, impressive and inspiring. She gave us a vivid picture of what the N.M.S. is. At the first instance, she corrected the chairman of the first meeting by saying that the N. M. S. is not an alien but 'our missionary society.' She chose the verse from the Holy Bible i.e. Romans 10-1; "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that thay might be saved." She interpreted by saying that 'our heart's desire and prayer to God for India is, that they (the Indians) might be saved.'

She emphasised that the time had come for every Indian Christian to take up the responsibility of spreading the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to those who have not yet heard the name of our Lord. Religious freedom is given to the Indians to propagate their own religion. So every Christian family must feel the necessity of spreading the Gospel in India. She told us that the N.M.S. was formed on December 25, 1905. Its main purpose is to spread the Gospel of Our Lord to every nook and corner of India. We felt very happy when we came to know that the N.M.S. is purely a national enterprise, manned by Indians. We are glad to know that the N.M.S. approves of church membership of a person who wants to join the N.M.S. and that it is an interdenominational society. Shall we stand divided in the name of Our Lord? God forbid.

Miss Joshua narrated how the missionaries are facing difficulties in Nepal to win souls for Christ. She has given us the picture of how the N.M.S. is striving hard in various parts of India. She appealed to every Christian family to keep in mind three things whenever they think of the

N.M.S.—1) To pray for the N.M.S.—2) To dedicate a son or a daughter from any family for the service of the N.M.S. and—3) To contribute their $\frac{1}{10}$ths to the N.M.S.

A business meeting was called for on 7th evening. We felt that a N.M.S. Branch should be formed at Gooty. The general body elected the following members as the office-bearers of the N.M.S. branch, Gooty :—

Secretary & Treasurer :	Mr. L. Elias
Executive Committee :	Mrs. Peter
	Mr. B. John Prasad
	Mr. B. Samuel Purushotham
	Mr. B. Azariah

The branch will be guided by the local pastor, Rev N. Samuel.

MORADABAD NEWS

The readers of the National Missionary Intelligencer will be happy to hear that in response to an appeal of the N.M.S. U.P. Area to find out unoccupied fields in their jurisdiction and help in opening new branches, this day the 20th March, '58, a branch of the N.M.S. has been opened in Moradabad.

Mr. A. V. Singh, Hony. Organising Secretary, N.M.S. U. P. Area arrived at Moradabad on the morning of 20th March, '58 and a meeting was arranged by Rev. S. B. Sherring, Pastor of the Methodist Church Moradabad at 5-30 p.m. at the house of Mr. I. A. Charan, Principal of Parker Inter-College.

Mr. A. V. Singh presided over the meeting and the following gentlemen attended the same :

1. Rev. Uday Singh
2. Rev. B. Serring
3. Mr. I. A. Charan
4. Mr. S. Seymour
5. Mr. P. A. Dann
6. Mr. Bhajan Masih
7. Mr. B. A. Turner
8. Mr. Charan Singh

Revd. Sherrring led the meeting in a short prayer.

The meeting discussed how we might best co-operate with the National Missionary Society and how the N.M.S. could be related more vitally with the Churches in India and thus augment the Lord's work through their branches.

Mr. A. V. Singh made a reference of the new work which is being done by the N. M. S. in Nepal and how God made it possible for them to establish an agency there. He added that in the beginning they were allowed to open a hospital only, and now educational and evangelistic work is also being done in their language. This shows how God is working in the hearts of the stony people.

It was suggested by Mr. A. V. Singh that representatives of Churches in Moradabad should meet and discuss ways and means of reviving interest in the National Missionary Society and in the meantime allow him to open a branch.

Everybody felt that as the National Missionary Society has a vital role to play in India today and so his suggestion was unanimously adopted.

Selection of Office-bearers: The following office-bearers were elected :—

President	...	Mr. I. A. Charan
Secretary	...	Mr. Charan Singh
Treasurer	...	Mr. B. A. Turner

Executive :—

1. Rev. Uday Singh, Ex-Officio
2. Rev. S. B. Sherring, „
3. Mr. D. Seymour
4. Mr. P. A. Dann
5. Mr. Bhajan Masih

It was agreed that some ladies may also be included in the Executive on their consultation in the next meeting.

Mr. A. V. Singh appealed to the members for their taking a deep interest in the N.M.S. work and helping the organisation not only by prayer but by contributions.

It was resolved that all monies collected should go through the Treasurer of the branch to Headquarters. The meeting ended in silence.

Fervent prayers are requested from the readers and especially the N.M.S. members for His blessings upon the extension of His Kingdom through this branch.

CHARAN SINGH,
Secretary, N.M.S.
Moradabad Branch.

"SAVED TO SERVE"

As I start to write the life and work over here, I cannot but remember the good people, whom I met in Allahabad during my short stay with Mr. A. V. Singh, on my way to Butwol, Nepal. Allahabad in my opinion is the "Antioch" of the 20th century church where there are so many people who are on fire for the Lord. Real praying people I could meet with. The N.M.S. has got people who have life and witness. Mr. A. V. Singh was so kind to take me to different people who are friends of the N.M.S. Most of the hours of the day we were on the bicycle meeting them. The Pastors, the members of the Church, all were giving the best encouragement, promising prayer backing. I wish I could be there often to refresh myself in spirit and body. I started from Allahabad well equipped by the generous help from several people.

From the very beginning I could see the spirit of God at work in the hearts of people. The Lord has lead some of the best people of the places. There is difficulty concerning the language, but not so great if intensive study is made. As we know the people more, they are becoming more and more co-operative and loving. The future is going to be bright. Their co-operation and help are signs of a self supporting church coming to existence! Let us pray with faith.

One young man came asking for Miss sircar many times The last time I asked him the reason, he told me he wanted a copy of the Bible. I had to give my personal copy as we did not have stock of New Testaments and in this enthusiastic man I could see the over-flowing joy from his face as he got the

book. He asked me why I was not starting a happy group as they are having in Kathmandu. What a challenge to hear such interesting questions!

In Miss Sircar's absence, Mr. K. S. Eapen, my Bible School classmate for 4 years, came for fellowship; but left to continue his medical studies, even though Miss Sircar has to be in Allahabad few more days than we expected. In joy and sorrow the Lord is with me as a friend. He is keeping me strong and happy. I am doing fine by his grace.

In His service,

M. M. MATHAI,
Butwol, Nepal, Via Nautanwa.

WORK IN OUR MID-INDA FIELD

Medical Work: Dr. Ramabai Gopal writes: 'By His grace, we are once again getting along well with our work. It must be the result of many, many sincere prayers of many believers. We actually feel His presence day after day as we go on with our work. We are doing a few operations. I have done one D. & C., one Caesarian section, and two others under general anaesthesia. People are realising slowly what good service is done in this Hospital. But we are short of a steriliser and many instruments. Linen also is short, as one major operation consumes a lot of linen. There is a lot of mosquito, and each bed needs a mosquito net. We need thattis on the verandah to protect us from the hot breeze'.

The doctor recently admitted the wife of the brother of the present 'Rajah of Shahdol', as a maternity patient. She had come now and then for check-up. The birth of a baby has given much joy to the family. The present Rajah visits the hospital every day. It was his father (the senior Zamindar under the Maharajah of Rewah) who had permitted Dr. S. C. Goswami, our first medical missionary in Rewa in 1920 to run an N.M.S. Dispensary at Anuppur, but he would not permit Dr. A. Nallatambi to settle down at Anuppur to build up Christian medical work, and so he had to go to our other N.M.S. field Jharsaguda. Of course the Rewa Durbar had prohibi-

ted Christian missionary work then. But under God's gracious rule what a changed situation we face now. His descendants have come seeking aid from our N. M. S. Hospital. Praise be to His Holy Name!

Our Congregational Work: Easter was celebrated with great joy, as Pastor Spencer and the Doctor report. At 7 a.m. the Easter Service began and ended with Holy Communion. We had a fellowship meal, the sikh land Lord and land lady having provided **halva** made at home and other items ordered from the shops. The Congregation stayed on for a Sing song till 11 p.m.

In N.Rewa, the World-wide Evangelisation Crusade has built-up some Mission Stations. Mr. C. T. Venugopal and I visited Mr. & Mrs. S. J. Beames and two women missionaries at Nagod (Satna Dt.), and later the doctor and I contacted Mr. and Mrs. N. Gibson of Rewa who later attended our N.M.S. Meeting on Oct. 28. Mr. Gibson visited Shahdol for two days in April to sell christian literature. He stayed at the circuit House for which our missionaries secured the necessary permission from the Collector, and he conducted the meetings in our Chapel. J.D.A.

EXTRACTS FROM Mr. SAM JOHN'S LETTER ABOUT ISHAPANTHI ASHRAM, PURI

This Ashram is situated in the sandy part of Puri in the midst of some Hindu Ashrams, about two furlongs from the city area. Although Puri is on the sea shore, it is 6 to 8 furlongs from the Ashram to the beach. It has three plots of land one big, one medium and one small without enclosure to any of them, which makes the Ashram land a thorough-fare to anybody and everybody and to animals. These plots are nearer to each other, but separated by plots belonging to other people.

In the big plot there are two houses. First is a small house with pucca roof, two rooms with verandah and a bathroom. Second is a house with thatched roof (now being made pucca) and two rooms with common verandah, bath room and kitchen. The two houses are about 30 yards apart but are at right angle to each other. In front of them, there is a pond with water, and beyond the pond, opposite to the first house, there is a well and the chapel of the Ashram. On

the right side of that house attached to the pond there is a small garden for vegetables and fruits made by the mali for his own use or for sale.

The buildings had not been repaired, it appears, for some years and so all the buildings and the chapel require extensive repairs. The walls of the thatched house were cracking and bending or curving in certain places and when these walls were broken down, there were full of white-ant pits, which were formed owing to leakage in thatched roof through the walls made of burnt bricks joined with mud during the past years. If we continue to have the thatched roof with the same old walls, even with the removal of cracked and curved portions, the same bad effect will appear in other parts of the walls of the building. This building needs great attention and should be made strong and permanent with the minimum possible expenditure.

After we (myself and my wife) arrived here and saw the Ashram plots, we felt that God had given us this Ashram with its attached landed property for a very great purpose in an important place like this; and if we do not make proper use of it for His glory, we shall be failing in our duty of showing our love towards God and our fellowmen in this place.

I am of opinion that this is an ideal place for a permanent Christian Ashram, where our young men can be trained spiritually, morally, mentally and physically to do evangelistic and rural uplift work. If we wish that the Ashram should work effectively, we want interested children of God who have devoted their life for His service. As this Ashram is to work on faith basis, it is our hope that God will supply our needs for men and money.

A GREAT NEED

The N. M. S. is in need of Evanglists, preferably a married couple to work in Jawadi Hills in the N. Arcot Dt., and young volunteers to join the Fellowship at Ishapanthi Ashram, Puri and in Nepal. Those who are qualified and keen on doing evangelistic work may kindly apply to The Secretary, N. M. S. Office, Royapettah, Madras.

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JUBILEES OF
Fr. KADAMBAVANAM AND Rev. ARUL THANGIAH

We send our hearty felicitations to both these friends of the N.M.S., on their Jubilee. Fr. Kadambavanam was a Hindu by birth and was born in 1887. He was baptised on April 5th, 1908. All these 50 years he has been labouring for his Master whom he has chosen to serve in spite of many hardships.

Fr. Kadambavanam joined the N. M. S., in 1912 as Travelling-Secretary. He travelled widely throughout Tamilnad, conducted revival meetings and started branches. He himself says that it was the N. M. S. which made him a man and was the foundation of his spiritual life. After serving as Travelling-Secretary for five years, he left for Rangoon where he started a branch of the N.M.S. After his return, he joined the N. M. S. again as an Accountant and Editor of Tamil Deepikai, and served it loyally.

We thank God for Fr. Kadambavanam's good Christian life and work; and on this memorable occasion, the Society sends its greetings and prayers that God may use him more and more in His service.

Rev. Arul Thangiah : We also understand that Rev. Arul Thangiah who is the Editor of Tamil Deepikai is celebrating his Silver Jubilee of his ordination. He is attached to the C.S.I. Poonamallee Church, near Madras. The tone and the standard of Deepikai has been heightened by the able editorship of Rev. Arul Thangiah, as everyone will admit.

On this occasion, we remember and appreciate his services to the Society and the Church through this Tamil paper which is becoming popular every day. May God bless him and give him long life to carry on this noble work. The Society sends its greetings in appreciation of the good work done by him.

Long live both these friends !

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"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"
"and lo, I am with you alway,
even unto the end of the world—*Amen.*"

WHITSUNDAY 1958
A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

As representing the World Council of Churches we take occasion of this solemn festival of Pentecost to send a Christian greeting to our member Churches throughout all five continents and in the islands of the seas. Grace be to you all and peace, from God the Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

We celebrate today the first Christian Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out upon all flesh—"Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamie, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians." (Acts II, 9-11).

The Spirit is a Spirit of **unity**. "They were all together in one place" and the Spirit "rested upon each" (Acts II, 1-3). Let us then always pray that the spirit of unity in faith may prevail amongst us, in accordance with the last prayer on earth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Spirit is a Spirit of **power**. "You shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit has come upon you" (Acts 1, 8).

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Weak-willed as we are and lacking in resolve, the Gospel would be of little avail to us, if it merely instructed us how best to order our lives and our societies, but did not provide the enablement to act accordingly. At the first Pentecost men and women were lifted far above their ordinary selves, and in their weakness were made strong to do and to endure many things for which the Church still daily praises God.

The Spirit is a Spirit of **witness.** He both bears witness Himself and inspires us to Christian witness. Part of the promise of the first Pentecost was "Ye shall be my witness... to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1, 8). It was on this day that the world mission of the Church began. Concern for the work of Evangelism is a necessary condition of its enjoying such blessings. Moreover, our witness must be "to all the world" and "to every creature." We must not stop short of "the ends of the earth."

Today, then, let us not only commemorate that marvellous outpouring of the Spirit on the first Pentecost long ago, but let us seek by God's grace to recover the unity that was then so manifest, the power that was then enjoyed, and the zeal for world-wide evangelism that then filled every heart. "And above all these" let us "put on love which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (Col. 3 : 14). As we join in prayer to this end, may God's richest and most enabling blessing fall upon us all.

The Presidents of the World Council of Churches

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ARE YOU A FLYER, A RUNNER OR A WALKER ?

> They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint.— Isaiah 40 ; 31.

I believe that Isaiah has something important to say about this whole problem. In the text I have chosen to head this article he says that they that wait upon the Lord

shall fly like eagles, they shall run without being tired, they shall walk and not faint. It is an odd order isn't it? You would think the prophet would first have mentioned walking, for surely we must learn to walk in the spiritual life before we can do anything else. Then only can we begin to run while flying can only be for the spiritual saints. But no. There is a message here, both in the actions and in their order.

The Flyers

It is good to fly sometimes. How exhilarating it is! We have just been flying in the strength and joy of the Easter message. When we are flying we feel filled with the Spirit. We are able to rise above ourselves and look down from the heights of heaven and with the eyes of God upon our own small troubles and difficulties. They loom so large and forbidding when we are on the ground. But as we see them with God's eyes we see them in their proper proportion. We see them too in their proper perspective against the background of the needs and fears, the hopes and aspirations of those around us, and in the context of the Kingdom of the God on earth. Yes, let us fiy by all means as often as we can. Thereby we renew our strength, we gain a new vision and rejoice in a sense of power.

The Runners

But we cannot all be flyers. We cannot even fly all the time. We come down to earth and we are suddenly very conscious of the ground of a material world beneath our feet. The freedom of flight has gone and we experience again the fetters of time and space, environment and circumstance. We are forced to admit that life is more difficult than we thought and we slow down to a running pace. Yes, most of our Christian life has to be led with our feet very much on the ground! But there is an even lower level.

The Walkers

There comes the time when even running is difficult. We begin to pant. We have no breath left. The Spirit seems to have gone out of us. All the thrill of the great spiritual experience has gone, the joy of the festival is over, or may be it is the amazement of conversion that has faded. We slow down to a painful walking pace and even then it is

all that we can manage to keep going at all! We are on the point of fainting. We look around us and see our unredeemed environment. Our daily work and companions seem so divorced from the spirituality of Sunday. Difficulties overwhelm us. We begin to doubt. We can no longer see things clearly and dispassionately. What is the use of going on? Yes, is it not true that the most of our Christian life is at this pedestrian level?

Yet the promise of the prophet is not only to the flyers and the runners but to the walkers as well. 'They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength'.

The World needs the Walkers

In the world today there are the spiritual flyers. They are the saints of God who help us to see things with God's eyes. They are our leaders—and how we need more such people of God! Both in the world and in the Church there is a dirth of spiritual leadership.

Then there are the runners. They are the ordinary Christians of faith and endurance who despite all go on and astonish us with their trust in God. They go on running with a strength which is obviously not their own. It comes from God. They are our examples in the spiritual life.

But what of the great mass of those who neither fly nor run? What the Church and the world need most today is a great body of Christians who day by day, in workshop and office, home and institution, factory and school, against opposition and ridicule and in a non-Christian environment and in a corrupt society, will **walk and not faint!**

The Risen Christ of Easter demands from us more than an emotional response. He is risen! We have received Him in our hearts and he will keep us from fainting when all else seems lost, when all the thrill of initial response is over, when life is at its dullest and when we are unable to see beyond the horizon of our own fears and weaknesses.

Let us fly if we can and as often as we can. Let us thank God if we can run, but most of all let us hold fast to the power that will keep us from fainting as we plod along with difficulty the path that is before us.

'As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him.'—Col. 2 : 6.

PHILIP PENNING.

NOTE: This is the gist of a sermon preached in St. George s Cathedral. Madras on Low Sunday. But I acknowledge with gratitude the theme of 'flying, running and walking' to the Rev. W Scopes, of the National Christian Council who suggested this line of thought to me He tells me he received the idea from the Rev. Russell Chandran of Bangalore. An interesting instance of the way in which an illuminating thought can be passed around and help many.

N. M. S. GOSPEL TEAM'S VISIT TO CALCUTTA

The N. M. S. Gospel Team consisting of the Rev. R. C. Das, Shri C. P. Michael and the Rev. Dr. A. C. Abraham arrived in Calcutta on the afternoon of Saturday, 19th April 1958. Rev. Rai Chowdry of Bethel Ashram, Calcutta, received the members of the Team and took them to the Y.M.C.A. National Council Headquarters, 5 Russell Street where they were housed comfortably by the kind arrangement made by Mr. N. K. Bose with Dr. S. D. Maliperuman, Gen. Secretary, Y.M.C.A. National Council Headquarters.

A reception was held the same evening at the Y.M.C.A. Corporation Street, to welcome the Team. After tea a meeting was held with the Rev. Peter May, Principal, Bishop's College, Calcutta as chairman. Mr. N. K. Bose and the chairman welcomed the team. The three members of the team spoke briefly on the various aspects of the National Missionary Society. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Mr. Norman Bose and benediction by Father Chatterjee.

The next day, Sunday, 20th April, the following programme was arranged :—

8 a.m. at the Congregation Church, Elgin Road—Preacher Rev. Dr. A. C. Abraham

5 p m. ,, ,, ,, Shri C. P. Michael

4-30 p m. ,, Central Methodist Church, Dharamtollah,—Preacher Rev. Dr. A. C. Abraham

6 p.m. ,, Duff Church, Manicktollah Street—Preacher ,, ,,

6-30 p.m. ,, Bethel Church, Amir Ali Road—Preacher Shri C. P. Michael

8-30 p.m. ,, Y.M.C.A. Choranghee Road "Fellowship Hour" Preacher Rev. Dr. A C. Abraham

6-3 p.m. 21st April, Y.M C.A College Street Branch—Preacher Rev. R. C. Das, Shri C. P. Michael and Rev. Dr. A. C. Abraham.

The services were well attended and the messages were much appreciated. The meeting at the Y. M. C. A. College Street was held under the chairmanship of Prof. M. L. Sircar. The members spent two more days, 22nd and 23rd April calling on friends and sympathisers of the Society. Among those visited were the Most Rev. Arabindo Nath Mukherjee, Metropolitan of India, of the Church of India, Pakistan Burma and Ceylon; The Rt. Rev. S. K. Chatterjee, Moderator, United Church of North India, Rev. Father A. Carleton of Oxford Mission, Capt. & Mrs. Agarwal, Mr. & Mrs. N. K. Bose, Principal and the Staff of the Bishop's College, Calcutta etc.

Calcutta being the largest city in India, the Christians are scattered far and wide. At present, there is no organised branch of the N.M.S. in West Bengal. Mr. N. K. Bose, a keen and sincere supporter of the N. M. S. and a member of its Executive has been faithfully collecting Rs. 60–65 per month from his friends for the Society. The N.M.S. is little known to the Christian public of Calcutta. To some N.M.S. means the Andrew's Mission at Haluaghat, E. Pakistan which is affiliated to N.M.S. of India. The Andrew's Mission has a committee in Calcutta which is known as "N. M. S. Committee"—a name which is very misleading. This committee collects every year about Rs. 8,000/- for the Andrew's Mission.

The members of the Gospel Team met the Secretary and the Chairman of the "N. M. S. Committee" of Andrew's Mission and pointed out to them that the name N. M. S. should be dropped out as it was causing some confusion and misunderstanding in the minds of the people.

The Gospel Team has touched but a fringe of the vast Christian population of Calcutta. Nevertheless, the few churches and the friends who have been contacted have understood the objects of the N.M.S. of India and promised to help Mr. N. K. Bose in forming an Area Committee for West Bengal.

Two members of the Gospel Team, Mr. C. P. Michael and Rev. Dr. A. C. Abraham left Calcutta on 23rd night and reached Puri the next morning. Mr. & Mrs. Sam John, Hon. Missionaries of N.M.S. in charge of Ishapanthi Ashram, Puri welcomed them. It was a joy to see these friends serving the Lord in this part of the Lord's vineyard, quite seclu-

ded from the busy town so very cheerfully and wholeheartedly. The Ashram has a very soothing atmosphere and can be developed into a good rural development centre. The Sam Johns have a poultry of Rhode Island Reds and are in touch with the Development Officer. The pastor in charge of the Baptist Church, Mr. G. Mahanty is very cooperative and helpful. The meetings were arranged in Puri-two in the homes of local Christians and one in the Church. Rev. Benjamin Pradhan, Superintending Missionary, Baptist Church, Cuttack was present at the Evening Service and he proposed that the Reading Room which is now closed down should be reopened and worked out by the N. M. S. Ashram workers as members of the Baptist Church. It was a very valuable suggestion. This Reading Room is situated on the main road near the famous Jagannath Temple and occupies a strategic position. Puri town has a mixed population comprising of Oriyas, Bengalis, Telugus, Tamils and Hindustani speaking people. The N.M.S. will do well to appoint three evangelists who are conversant with Telugu, Oriya and Bengali. The opportunities are very great to spread the Gospel in this place.

The Sam Johns have taken much trouble to have the guest house repaired. The thatched roof is replaced by a pucca roof. This will serve as a good place for the new evangelists. The cost for repairing has amounted to Rs. 1,500/-. In this connection, the friends of Poona are to be thanked once again for their generous donations for the repairs to the Ashram. They have already sent Rs. 750/-. We take this opportunity to appeal to the friends of N. M. S. in Calcutta, Cuttack and other places to support the Ishapanthi Ashram with workers, money and prayers.

On 28th morning the two members of the Gospel Team left Puri for Cuttack and reached the place the same afternoon. Two meetings were arranged in the Baptist Church on 28th and 29th. Some of the leading members of the church were contacted namely, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Das, Prof P. Mahanthy, Capt. & Mrs. J. Israel and others. We are very much indebted to the Rev. B. Pradhan, Rev. Sadanand Patro and Rev. J. K. Mahanthy for arranging the meetings and hospitality.

The team left Cuttack on 29th night for Madras and Hyderabad, with hearts full of gratitude to God for His wonderful protection and care and for counting us worthy to

deliver His message and awakening evangelistic zeal and fervour among His children and winning their support for the work of the National Missionary Society of India. Though the visits to the above places were short and scope of work limited, we can say that God has touched the hearts of the people. One young keen evangelist has offered to serve the N.M.S. at Ishapanthi Ashram and another has applied to work as a permanent worker at the ashram.

We hope the time will not be very far for a second visit to Calcutta, Cuttack, Puri and other places in Orissa State enroute to Calcutta.

We wish to thank Mr. N. K. Bose, Rev. Rai Chowdry, Mr. A. N. Shaw and other members of the Calcutta Reception Committee, the Presbyters of the churches and other friends and Dr. S. D. Malaiperuman and Mr. S. Chakravarthy of the Y.M.C.A. for all the help they have given us.

C. P. MICHAEL,
A. C. ABRAHAM.

RURAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE FELLOWSHIP CAMP AT TONDI, RAMNAD DISTRICT

At the invitation and promise of help from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Newbigin, Mudura-Ramnad Diocese, the Rural Christian Service Fellowship Camp was arranged to be held in Tondi, Ramnad Dt. from 8th to 23rd April.

Now I would like to give the readers the most important facts about the camp.

Accommodation:—As there was no house available and being a mission locality (where more than 93% were muslims) none could offer a house for us to live. So Rev. Paranjothi made arrangement in the T. B. To our other disappointment, we could not occupy the T. B. on the 8th as arranged as it was occupied by a Government official. So arrangements were made for us to live in two rooms in a police line with no bathroom or latrine convenience provided. We were burnt alive in these rooms as it was terribly hot and it was like a furnace. On the 9th we moved on to the T. B. and informed the Secretary, District Board by a telegram for reservation for three days. This reservation order had to be renewed every three or four days under different leaders' name.

Though we commanded all the necessary conveniences, we passed each day in fear and anxiety, as we often received news that the T. B. would be needed for Government officials and that we would be asked to vacate it at any moment.

The difficulty faced with regard to accommodation for campers this year had made me think quite seriously that in future, camps should not be held in places where there are no mission buildings available.

Strength of the Camp : The response from the Youth was very poor, and many who decided and promised to join the fellowship did not turn up. We were 12—15 in number throughout the camp Period—ten campers, two leaders, and three helpers.

In this connection, I would like to express my personal opinion for this poor response.

1. The leaders who helped these camps in the past years, and whose names are still on the notices, have lost all interest in the camp. Secondly, the diocese that invited must take the responsibility to recruit young men and women from the Colleges and Churches. The N. M. S. should be responsible for leadership only. Thirdly, I found that many parents were not willing to spend money towards food for their children. They expect atleast free boarding. The N.M.S. must be prepared to provide this free of charge.

Lastly, as there are camps organised by the S. C. M. Dioceses, churches and colleges, almost at the same time, it is difficult to draw many young men and women to the N.M.S. Camp. It is also difficult to secure men and women of deep spiritual experience to be leaders of the camp at this part of the year.

Despite all these difficulties and disappointments, the camp programme went off as usual, and there is no doubt that individually and collectively we were blessed and our work among the youth was blessed.

In conclusion, I want to say that nearly Rs. 450 Rs. 500 was spent on this camp, where there were only 12 campers and three helpers. Is it worth spending so much money and energy is my question ?

E. L. JOSHUA,
Camp leader.

THE N.M.S. RURAL CAMP AT THONDI

From April 8—21

By P. J. GEORGE,

It had been my privilege to attend the N.M.S. Rural Camp which was held at Thondi from the 8th to 21st April, 1958. This place was very well chosen for a camp of this sort, a place being populated with a majority of Muslims who are fishermen by trade. Also, this is a seashore place and hence all the campers enjoyed their stay there very much. Most of all, this is a place where Christian Missionary work was started many years ago by the Jaffna Mission but abandoned due to certain reasons. This work had been one of its kind which gave inspiration for the National Missionary Society to take its present form. I am sure the camp has left an impression and a challenge to start the work again in this area where there is great spiritual need.

We were staying in the Travellers' Bangalow, a place provided by the Lord for these days. But when the camp started on the 8th, this place was not secured and hence it was a test of faith; but of course the Lord has seen us through about this and at similar times when it seemed impossible to have the place for so long. The Lord did intervene and worked out things on our behalf. The average attendance was only about fifteen, which is to be noted for the future of the camp Most of these were from Madurai and around.

Though the group was so small the programme of the camp was carried out regularly The early morning hour of devotions which were taken by Rev. Paranjothi, the C.S.I. Pastor of Devakottai and Rev. S. Gnanasundaramani, was a time of rich blessing and inspiration for the time of social service to follow. Mr. Paranjothi dealt with the "Life of Christ in us" and Mr. Gnanasundaramani dealt with the practical lessons from the Epistle to the Ephesians. And then most of the campers used to go out for the social service and surely it was highly appreciated and valued by the local people. After breakfast and a short recess, we used to meet together for Bible study which was conducted by me. We based our studies on the subject "To Know Christ and Make Him Known" and we all felt that we should know Him more and strive to make Him known to the multitudes in darkness. This was usually followed either by a discussion or quiet time. After lunch and rest there was the

time for singing at 3-30 which was followed by Tea and Fellowship meeting. These meetings were led by Miss E. L. Joshua and her Bible Lessons basing on the 17th verse of the 1 Cor. 5th chapter. will not be forgotten by the campers. At 6-30 in the evening, the lacal Christians also joined with us for the evangelistic work and it did encourage us all. Rev. Christy Arangaden had been with us for the last two days and he gave some inspiring messages on "Bible and Evangelism" and the "Interceding Spirit" with which we closed the camp. We also had the privilege of hearing some messages from Rev. D. M. Samuel of the St. George's Church, Madurai, and Mr. Savariroyan of the State Bank, Madurai who have been with us for some time. The camp was closed on the 21st evening as against the plan to close it on the 23rd since the place was no more available for our use. As we packed up and left on the 22nd morning, we had the sweet memories of the blessing of the Lord during the camp and also the rich Christian fellowship as we lived together as a family. On the 20th the Student Christian Movement campers from Thiruvadanai came and joined with us for the communion service which was also attended by the local Christians followed by a Fellowship Lunch. From a physical standpoint, the campers will not forget the times of swimming in the sea.

Now the camp is over and all of us are back in our respective places of duty. There remains for us the responsibility of prayer so that the fruits of the camp shall be preserved. The question may come as it was to Andrew, "Lord what are they among so many?" It is true that the camp has reached only a small number this year, but the Lord has a purpose for these ones to come together and enjoy the spiritual blessings.

We do not want to be ungrateful to the Lord for what He has done by speaking to us personally and collectively. The victory lies not so much in the quantity but in the quality. If these few who have attended the camp will stand true and faithful during these coming days, the Lord will use them greatly for the interests of His Kingdom.

In closing this, personally I would like to add a word or two for the kind and prayerful consideration of all the friends of the Society and those who love it. These camps in the past have proved to be means of blessings and many were helped in their spiritual life. But this year the response had been so little and I understand it had been almost the

same for the last two years. We cannot afford to let this die out but something should be done which will very difinitely improve the response and sincerely I hope and pray that in the years to come, the Lord will have more of His people to attend these camps and receive what He has in store for them. To that end let us all pray and work and the Lord will prosper His Work.

N. M. S. AREA COMMITTEE

It was felt for a long time that there was no regular Branch of the N. M. S. functioning in Madras city though it has been the Head-quarters of the Society for about fifty years, and hence representatives of the different areas met at the N. M. S. House on 22nd March, 1958 to form a Committee for the whole area. Mr. Gnanamani Solomon, our former Treasurer presided. General discussion as to the best method of enlisting greater support of the Christian public in the city took place and it was felt that defunct Branches should be revived by the representatives of different areas contacting the friends in their respective areas.

It was also suggested that another meeting should be convened on the 19th April 1958 to elect office-bearers and to give a definite shape to the discussions that had taken place. Accordingly, a second meeting was held on the 19th April at the N. M. S. House, Mr. G. Solomon presiding. The following were elected office-bearers with a sub-committee to co-operate:

President: Mr. Gnanamani Solomon
Vice-President: Mr. C. P. Michael
Secretary & Treasurer: Mr. William Bagyam.

Though the attendance was small, the representatives showed great enthusiasm and decided to convene Branch Meetings. For the time being, all representatives should attend these meetings. It is hoped that the Area Committee will be a great source of help to the activities of the N.M.S. in Madras city.

One special feature of the Committee was that almost all the members were enthusiastic young men in view of the fact that the Society is run mostly by retired and old veterans in the Mission and Church field.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE N. M. S. YOUTH AUXILIARY.

held at N. M. S. House, Royapettah, on 23rd, April 1958.

The meeting was attended by the following seven members and the lead was taken by Mr. William Bagyam, Secretary of the N.M.S., Area Committee.

1) Mr. A. C. Gabriel
2) Mr. William Bagyam
3) Mr. Devasirvatham
4) Mr. Samson S. Pushparaj
5) Mr. P. S. Dorairaj
6) Mr. J. D. Devadoss, B. Com.
7) Mr. Arthur David.

Mr. Devasirvatham led the meeting in prayer. Then the election of Office-bearers took place, and the following were elected :—

1) President : Mr. Kanakaraj, B.A., B.L.
2) Vice-President : Mr. William Bagyam
3) Secretary : Samson S. Pushparaj
4) Treasurer : Mr. A. C. Gabriel

Executive Committee:
1) Mr. D. S. Inbaraj
2) Mr. P. S. Dorairaj
3) Mr. Victor Swamidoss
4) Mr. J. D. Devadoss, B. Com.

After the election, a general discussion took place as to how best to carry on the activities of the Auxiliary. It was decided to hold a Youth Rally in association with the other Christian Youth groups sometime in June.

Before the close of the meeting, Rev. Ezekiel Vedanayagam, Missionary in Jawadi Hills who was specially invited to the meeting, gave a brief account of the Lord's work done on the hills. His talk so impressed the members that they decided to uphold this work by prayer and finance.

The meeting ended with Benediction.

Sam Pushparaj,
Secretary.

LETTER FROM Mr. A. V. SINGH

In March, according to the programme, I was able to visit some of the Western Districts of U.P. with encouraging results—Bareilly, Kareli, Nawabganj, Moradabad, Budaun, Shahjahanpur and Lodhipur. In Bareilly I visited all the Pastors and friends of the N.M.S. and was asked to address the Official Board (Church Council) of the Methodist Church. At this meeting Mr. Murad Masih was requested to act as our Secretary and to increase the number of N.M.S. members and form a regular Executive Committee later on—the Pastor and all the members of the Official Board promising to help him in his new undertaking. From Bareilly I went to Kareli to see Acharya Murray Rogers of the Jyoti Niketan Ashram for fellowship and a talk about the spiritual affiliation of the Ashram with the N.M.S. He is willing on certain conditions; and negotiations have to be undertaken by the General Secretary and the Head Quarters. Then I visited Nawabganj, where the Pastor Rev. G. C. Singh has promised to help us and take the N.M.S. message to surrounding places while on his official visits. In Moradabad Rev. Udai Singh took very keen interest and took me round to meet friends and arranged a meeting at the house of Mr. I. A. Charan, Principal—Parker Inter College.

I have a short account of the present activities of N.M.S. which created much interest and the following office bearers were elected :— (1) Mr. I. A. Charan—President, (Principal, Parker Inter College, Moradabad). (2) Mr. Charan Singh, Secretary. (Joyous Lodge, Mission Compound, Moradabad). (3) Mr. A. B. Turner, Treasurer, (Parker Inter College, Moradabad). Members :— (1) Mr. Seymour (2) Mr. P. A. Dann. (3) Mr. Bhajan Masih. (4) Rev. Udai Singh D. S. (5) Rev. S. B. Sherring, Pastor. In Budaun Mr. Walter Newton was my host and accompanied me in visiting different homes. I requested Mr. Walter Newton (126 Civil Lines, Budaun) and Mr. I. V. Newton, (Christian H. S. School, Budaun) to act as President and Secretary respectively. From Budaun I went to Shahjahanpur and also visited Lodhipur where the Methodist Mission is running a big Industrial Institution. In both these places I contacted friends to give them the N.M.S. message and requested (1) Rev. (Miss) R. Z. Osmond, (I. C. District Evangelistic work, Methodist Mission, Shahjahanpur) and (2) Mr. Victor Singh, (office of Municipal Board,

Shahjahanpur) to enrol members for N.M.S. and later on organise regular branches in Shahjahahpur and Lodhipur. During this trip I met some old friends of the N.M.S. who were very happy to hear about the new activities of the Society and promised to help in every possible way.

BOOK REVIEW

I. **The Sacred Kural,** Heritage India Series, written by Rev. H. A. Popley in 1931 has been reprinted this year. It is a book that should be in every Christian home and read with great interest. As Indian Christians, we should be familiar with the ethics and principles of conduct as expounded in Kural. We should not be satisfied with the great truths of Christianity alone but be interested in the comparative study of other religions prevailing in our land. Highly commended.

II. The book **on Pandita Ramabai** in Tamil written by Mrs. E. S. Appasamy, though written some years ago, is a timely one as we celebrate the Centenary of this great Indian Christian lady who had the love of Christ which extended beyond the communal limits. It is written in readable simple Tamil.

III. Another book brought out by the C. L. S., is by Fr. Kadambavanam, **Fifty years with Christ.** It is a highly interesting Biography of one who found the Lord and who had done so much for His message. The anecdotes are quite interesting.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE BEGINS

(IN TAMIL)

by Mrs. Margaret Sinker

(published by the C.L.S.)

This is a simple and well-written book for the use of the newly weds. Even ordinary village folk will be able to follow it up easily and benefit by it.

OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

(TAMIL)

by Dr. Estborn

Brought out by the C.L.S.

This booklet gives a clear idea of Christian doctrines. Ordinary village Christians and even people in the city will find it interesting and understandable. Our failure in Christian life is partly due to our lack of correct knowledge of Christian Truths.

A GREAT NEED

The N.M.S. is in need of evangelists, preferably a married couple to work in Jawadi Hills in the N. Arcot Dt., and young volunteers to join the Felloship at Ishapanthi Ashram, Puri and in Nepal. Those who are qualified and keen on doing evangelistic work may kindly apply to The Secretary, N.M.S. Office, Royapettah, Madras.

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WORK IN MID-INDIA FIELDS

Murwahi: Janpad had planned to open a school at Belgeria, away from Usad where the N.M.S. School has been functioning efficiently for over 15 years. Every year pupils sent from our school for the Government Primary School examination passed cent per cent. Our tried workers, Isaac and Mariam Surin, both trained teachers have won the appreciation of the educational authorities. Still some at Usad set up an agitation and got the Janpad School located at Usad itself. Some officers who see the unreasonableness of a second school located in this small village consider that the Janpad school should go to Belgeria where it was to have been located. We need to pray that the authorities settle this matter satisfactorily.

Shahdol Hospital: On 29th April, the doctor reported on signal increased income during April and added, 'Praise God. By merely attempting a few operations (reported in the May N.M.I.), we could get so much. So we have much, when our hospital is well established, with good equipment.' In her letter dated 5th May, she writes, 'Recently I did another D & C., and some more surgical cases are waiting. There are some gastric cases to be operated. I like very much to operate.' On the 8th, she did another D & C. So, the Committee is eager to secure some donations in kind or in cash. Any who wishes to help could write to Dr. I. Pichai Robert, Eye Hospital, Coimbatore or the Rev.J.D. Asirvadam, Tambaram.

Shahdol Congregation: In her letter dated 8th May, Dr. Ramabai writes, "Yesterday we had our weekly cottage Prayers in the house of Mrs. V. S. Krupadanam. Almost all the children had joined the mother for the summer vacation. You will be glad to know that 50 or more people from various families gather for this mid-week fellowship meetings in the houses of church members in rotation. We had good singing. Pastor Spencer spoke, and prayers were offered in different languages. About ten Malayalees took part. They sang and prayed in their mother tongue."

Evangelistic Work: Very soon we hope to send evangelists to work among Uraons in a new area near the old Murwahi Field. We also plan to open work on the way from Shahdol to Amarkantak, giving our workers training in simple Medical aid. Our supporters at Sirkali who heard of this possibility on February 8 & 9 raised Rs. 100/- by a special sale to buy property to begin work in this area. Our missionaries face new opportunities and new problems as the work develops. Individuals seek the help of our workers, and they need much spiritual help. Your earnest, sustained prayer for the work, the workers, and the individuals whom they contact are requested.

J. D. A.

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To

The Members of the All India Council,
N. M. S.

The Triennial Conference of the All India Council of the N.M.S. will be held in october this year at Tiruvalla, Kerala and the dates of the Conference have yet to be fixed. But, in the meantime, any resolution which members may wish to place before the Conference may kindly be sent to the undersigned not later than the 30th June, 1958.

S. DEVA PRASAD,
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OBITUARY

We regret to report of the passing away of Mr. Lewis Gideon at Madanapallee, Chittoor Dt. He was a friend and supporter of the N.M.S., and was the Manager of the N M.S. Press for some years. He was also greatly interested in church and religious activities. We send our sympathy and condolence to the members of the bereaved family.

AN URGENT NEED

A Gramaphone with records, preferably Tamil, for Jawadi Hills. Gift from anyone will be gratefully received.

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"and lo, I am with you alway,
even unto the end of the world—*Amen.*"

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Little headaches, little heartaches,
Little woes of every day!
Little trials and temptations—
How they throng around our way!

One great cross, immense and heavy,
So it seems to our weak will—
Might be borne with resignation
But these many small ones kill.

Yet, all life is formed of small things,
Little leaves make up the trees;
Many tiny drops of water
Blending, from the mighty sea.

So these many little burdens,
Pressing on our hearts so hard,
All united, form a life's work,
Meriting a great reward.

Let us not then, be impatient,
Mar the beauty of the whole;
But, for love of Jesus, bear all
In the silence of our soul.

Asking him for grace sufficient
To sustain us through each loss,
And to think of each small suffering
As a "Splinter from His Cross.

—*Herald of Home*

Sel. PREMILA M. HAMLIN

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MIRACULOUS GIFT

Feeling tired? That body of yours may have good cause to plead for a little rest. Did you ever stop to think how faithfully the human machine performs its important operations? Some statistician figured out that in just twenty-four hours your heart beats more than 103,000 times, your blood travels 168,000 miles, you breathe 23,240 times, you turn in your sleep more than 25 times, you eat 3 1/2 pounds of food, you speak 4,800 words and you exercise 7 million brain cells. Apparently most of this activity takes place whether you are working or resting.

Meanwhile, other parts of your body are carrying on a programme that seems staggering. Consider your bones, for instance. Doctors in Minnesota say that your bones are "thriving manufacturing plants operating on a twenty-four hour-a-day schedule". The bones manufacture red blood cells at the rate of millions a second They also provide a storehouse for fats and proteins, and they keep nearly all of your body's calcium and phosphorus. You might think that bones are easily broken, but the doctors say that on a weight for weight basis, bones are stronger than steel.

Considering the abuse that you often give your body, it is nothing less than miraculous that it manages to survive such an unceasing schedule of production and maintenance for an average lifetime. The part of the body that apparently is seldom used anywhere near its capacity is the brain. You might exercise seven million brain cells but there are something like nine billion of them altogether. If you are feeling tired, it is hardly because of mental strain.

Your body is a miraculous gift of God, intended by him for a wonderful work in support of his purposes for you. It should be the temple of the Holy Spirit. If the physical body has such vast resources and potentials for enriching life, how much more abundant can life be when the spiritual dimensions of our being are also brought into play. For we are more than body, miraculous as it is. We are spiritual beings, created in the image of God himself and called to become sons of God, to live up to the possibilites that have been so clearly illustrated for us in the person of Jesus Christ.

What a fight is physical life itself, far surpassing any wonder that man can create. But far greater is the gift of

Jesus Christ, the assurance of a spiritual life here and now and the promise of a spiritual destiny. We ought to be eternally thankful for such gifts of grace as God has given us both in our creation and in our redemption. We cannot repay him. We can only invest his gifts in the purposes of his Kingdom. We are most fully ourselves when we are wholly His—K. M.

Editorial, "*Gospel Messenger*".

NEWS AND NOTES

It is very sad that the Vedanayagams, Evangelists, Jawadi Hills, had to leave due to the illness of Mrs. Vedanayagam. Mr. Vedanayagam joined the N. M. S., work in Jawadi with high hopes and we thought he would continue for some years. As long as he stayed there, he was able to contact many individuals and families and get the people interested in the Gospel by his musical talents and simple medical aid. Though he has left, the good work has been carried on by the Ashram Brothers who are sending volunteers.

There is an offer from a retired Head-master, to serve in Jawadi Hills. He wants to devote his days to the service of the Master. We hope that God will send a married couple also to work in fellowship with him.

The Society is trying to get a plot of land on lease on Jawadi Hills to put up huts for our workers.

The All India Council of the Society will meet at Tiruvalla, Kerala at the invitation of the Mar Thoma Church from the 10th to 14th Sept. '58. We thank the members of the Mar Thoma Church for taking up this great responsibility and we are sure that the Council will, by the grace of God, bring about far-reaching results in the work of the N. M. S. Your prayers are asked for this Council.

The Madras Ladies' Auxiliary is planning to have its annual Sale on 9th August this year. It is an annual feature. The Members of the Auxiliary have already started collecting money and articles for the Sale and have planned everything on a grand scale. The proceeds will be utilised for evangelistic, educational and medical work done by the Society in Puram, Tirupattur.

It is very encouraging that some of the Youth who are members of the Madras Area Committee have formed into an Auxiliary and met more than once to plan for their future work. It is hoped they will be of great help to the Ladies' Auxiliary Sale.

To enable more of intensive work to be carried on in the city, the Working Committee had thought it best to get Rev. S. Gnanasundaramani, our Missionary in Puram, to revive the Branches in the city. He will stay in Madras for a week or more and preach in some churches. A programme has been arranged for him and it is certain his work in the city will be greatly blessed.

On behalf of the Society, we offer our congratulations to Rev. M. M. John, Presbyter, Central Travancore Diocese on having been elected bishop. He has been connected with the Society for a number of years and represented the Travancore Diocese on the Executive Committee of the Society. We are sure that as a Bishop he will be a blessing not only to the Central Travancore Diocese but also to Missionary bodies with which he has been connected all these years.

We are glad to report that the debt of the Society has come down to Rs. 8,900 by the grace of God. It is fervantly prayed that the Society will be free from this burden completely in a year or two. Our work in Jawadi Hills, Puri and Nepal is expanding and we would request our friends to be generous in their support to the Society.

Friends are requested to pray for the following: Miss Sircar in Butwal, Mr. & Mrs. Sam John in Puri Mr. J. Amoda in Mangalore, Miss M. M. Singh of Allahabad.

MY VISIT TO BANGALORE May—June '58

As usual, I paid a visit to Bangalore to enjoy the comparatively cool weather of this beautiful summer resort in S. India. Since the N.M.S. Branch has been functioning for many years, I thought it worthwhile to contact some of the friends and supporters of the Society here, in spite of inadequate transport arrangements and long distances. I was

fortunate in contacting many friends and talking to them about the activities of the N.M.S. work in general and of the local Branch in particular.

I met Miss Cotelingam, our former President and Mrs. F. Muliyil, the present enthusiastic Secretary of the Branch who had narrated the difficulties in successfully carrying on the work. She is a very busy person being a Professor of a Women's College. In addition, she has a family to attend to. She felt that personal visits and contacts alone would bring in members to attend meetings and get themselves interested in the N.M.S. work. She arranged a meeting of the Branch but unfortunately, due to other engagements in the city, the meeting could not be held.

The Bishop of Mysore who is the President of the Branch confessed that he could not do anything substantial for the Society in the recent past.

The other person whom I met was Miss John, our enthusiastic Treasurer who had suggested the names and addresses of friends who are vitally interested in the N.M.S. It is a pity that some of the Christian friends here are not in the know of the activities and recent developments of the Society, especially in Nepal, Jawadi Hills and Puri for the reason that nobody contacted them of late nor was the N. M. I. put into their hands. One Presbyter whom I met said that if the N.M.S., was to make any headway in a city like Banglore where people are so busy, we must have a person like Mr. J. Amoda to go round visiting people. An outsider would be preferable to somebody in Bangalore itself.

Then I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Daniels of the Binny Mills, our Joint Secretary. It is very peculiar that he happens to be the Secretary of the I. M. S. also. In spite of his heavy office work, he promised to continue the good work of collecting subscriptions and remitting them to the Treasurer. He also added that the difference between the two Missionary Organisations should disappear and the local people should be interested in missionary work as a whole.

I had to address two congregations on two Sundays on the Missionary Obligation of the church with special reference to the N.M.S. work.

One or two observations I would like to make. An ordinary Indian Christian is not keenly interested in missionary work because there is not that urge from within, and the churches have not sufficiently emphasised this important aspect. So they need constant contacts and visits from our missionaries. One of the reasons for their lack of interest is lack of information about the good cause. "How do we expect people to support if they do not know anything about the work,"? said a worker. So there is a great need for enthusiastic men and women to tell the people of the actual work carried on by the N.M.S. The N.M I. and Deepikai should be in the hands of many of our supporters.

The N.M.S. should catch the imagination of the Youth in each city. We see the lamentable spectacle of old and retired people taking up missionary work after years of service in other spheres of work. It is a pity that the churches in India have not attracted the Youth for sacrifice and service in the church and Mission fields. For this, the parents are partly responsible. They should dedicate at least one member of the family for God's service. Even from the child's infancy the parent should remind that he or she is for God's service and train it for this great work and constantly pray that he or she should be used for that Holy Calling. This will prepare the Youth for Christian Work.

In conclusion, I am glad that I had the opportunity of meeting so many good friends and sincerely hope they would meet regularly, at least once a quarter, not so much for money but for fellowship and prayer. We are grateful to one and all in Bangalore who sympathise with us and support our work. —S.D.

JUBALPORE NEWS

A meeting was held on Saturday, 12th April, 1958, at 7 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A. with a view to opening a Jabalpur Branch of the N.M.S. The following were present :—

1. Dr. H. Yusufji 2. Mr. C. I. Prasadam 3. Mrs. E. Prasadam 4. Mr. C. A. Cornelius 5. Dr. S. J. Edwards 6. Mr. A. K. Sunwani 7. Mrs. J. E. Sunwani 8. Mr. M. A. Chelliah 9. Mr. S. B. Nathaniel.

1. The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Yusufji.

2. Dr. Yusufji was unanimously elected Chairman of the meeting. He gave a brief talk on the work of the N.M.S. and related his experiences of laudable service in evangelisation carried out in the South under the auspices of the N.M.S.

3. **Election of Office Bearers:** The following were elected :—

1. President, Dr. V. P. Thomas 2. Vice-Presidents, Mrs. G. B. Sahai and Mr. J. James 3. Secretary-cum-Treasurer, Mr. A. K. Sunwani Jt. Secretary, Mr. C. I. Prasadam.

4. **Formation of Working Committee:**

(a) All office-bearers were to be ex-officio members of the Working Committee.

(b) The following were elected as members :—

1. Dr. S. J. Edwards 2. Mr. C. A. Cornelius 3. Miss A. Gadre 4. Miss Zillah Soule 5. Mrs. E. Prasadam 6. Mrs. J. E. Sunwani 7. Capt. Beliram 8. Mr. George Chelvum 9. Rev. E. F. Albert 10. Mr. V. V. George 11. Mr. M. A. Chelliah 12. Mr. S. D. Nathaniel.

(c) The following Churches in Jabalpur to be approached for nominating one lay member (male or female) who should be interested and enthusiastic about this work :—

1. Methodist English Church (Dr. Yusufji) 2. Christ Church (Rev. J. E. Robinson) 3. Disciples Church (Rev. Tudu) 4. Methodist Hindi Church, Gulgalatal (Rev. E. N. Dilraj) 5. Methodist Howbagh Church (Rev. B. K. Das) 6. St. Paul's Church (Rev. V. H. Munnalal) 7. Full Gospel Church (Rev. Wilson) 8. Pentecostal Church (Mr. Fairman) 9. Assembly of God (Mr. Louis, Mr. Shama, Mr. Singh) 10. Seventh Day Adventists (Through Dr. S. J. Edwards) 11. Tamil Church, Christ Church (Rev. A. Charles) 12. Methodist Tamil Church.

(d) The priests of all the above Churches may be invited to be members of the Working Committee.

(e) The Executive Committee consisting of the Office Bearers may co-opt any other active member of any Church on the Working Committee.

5. It was decided to call a meeting of the Working Committee once a month, as far as possible. The next meeting as fixed to be called during the 3rd or 4th week of May, 1958, and Dr. Yusufji very kindly invited the Working Committee to be held at his residence.

6. Among other items the following may be included in the agenda :—

1. Prayer for those whom prayer is requested in the National Missionary Intelligencer.

2. Discussion on the N. M. S. Week of Prayer and N M.S. Day for the year.

7. **Vote of thanks :** A vote of thanks was passed to :—

1. Mr. C. A. Cornelius and Mr. M. A. Chelliah for initiating and inspiring the N. M. S. work at Jabalpur.

2. Mr. C. I. Prasadam for convening this first meeting.

3. Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Prasadam for their kind hospitality.

4. Dr. Yusufji for having kindly conducted the meeting as Chairman.

8. The meeting was closed with benediction by Dr. Yusufji.

A. K. SUNWANI,
Secretary.

Mr. C. P. MICHAEL,
MEMBER STANDING COMMITTEE, N. M. S., WRITES

Due to the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Vedanayagam of Jawadi Hills, a retired christian teacher, interested in Christian work, I paid a visit to Jawadi to see the place and the conditions prevailing there. We were met by the missionaries of the N.M.S., and Rev. G. R. Isaac

member, North Tamil Area Committee, and being accompanied by them left for the hills. Our party was taken round by Mr. Vedanayagam to the adjoining villages. The plot of land selected by the Ashram Brothers in Jawadi for putting up huts for our workers there was also shown to us.

We returned from the hills to Puram on Whit Sunday. We worshipped along with the village congregation at the Sadhu Sunder Singh Church. A message on Pentecost was given by me. A handsome brass Cross was presented to the Church by a member of a convert's family.

I conducted a Bible Class at the Ashram for volunteers and placed a challenge of Christian Missionary work before the Youth gathered there.

All India Council Programme Sub-Committee:

The sub-committee to draw up the programme for the All India Council meeting comprising of Dr. A. C. Abraham, Mr. S. Balasingam Satya, Mr. J. B. Masillamani and myself as members met on 5-6-1958 at Madras. The dates of the Council were fixed and the names of the speakers and amendments to the Constitution to make it up-to-date were considered.

City Area Committee and the Youth Auxiliary: A combined meeting of the two Bodies met on June 6th at the N M.S. House, Sri Gnanamani Solomon, President presiding. The reports of both the committees were read. The members present showed a keen interest in the cause of Evangelisation through the N.M.S. They have also a modest programme for Zonal meetings with a view to rouse evangelical zeal among the City congregations.

THE CHRISTAVASHRAM GURUKUL, MANGANAM

There is a growing awareness in our country today that education must lead to the total integration of personality and that besides maintaining scholastic standards students need to develop the ability to integrate theoretical learning into their own pattern of living and be able to apply it to working situations. Education of our day has become increasingly deficient in the matter of infusing religious and spiritual values. It is also true that many even of those who are deeply committed to God are hindered in their inner

growth through lack of opportunities for the systematic study of the scriptures and for lack of living in a disciplined community atmosphere. These questions came up for discussion at meetings of the inter-ashram conference held at the Christukula Ashram, Tiruppattur in 1945, at the Christvashram, Manganam in 1953 and at the Christusishya Ashram, Tadagam in 1957. Thus after years of prayerful thought and deliberation and as per decision of the Inter-Ashram Conference and of the Christavashram and of its Advisory Board in 1957, this new venture—an Ashram Gurukul—is to take formal shape (start functioning) D. V. from July 1958 at Manganam. Thanks to the generosity of Rev. A. B. Parson, a minister of the American Episcopal Church and an active member of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, who also represented his church in the World Missionary Conference (1938) at Tambaram, the purchase of the land for the Gurukul and the funds for the construction of some of the necessary buildings have become possible. These and the Gurukul library are a gift in memory of his beloved wife the late Lena Swasy Parson who was a sincere friend of India.

The Christavashram Gurukul opens with a view to give an opportunity to a select group of young people to live together for training in devotional life, study and community labour. It is hoped that a life lived under such conditions will help to make up for some of the chief deficiencies of today's education, and thus help to evolve a a true christian discipleship.

Many of our young people fail to see God's purpose for their lives and choose careers for reasons other than 'the particular will of God for the individuals'. Life in the Gurukul may serve to make clear for those who come there, their vocation in God's plan. It may also serve as an opportunity to test their vocation to full-time ministry in the Church or in the mission field or to the Ashram way of life.

If the ancient Indian Gurukulas centred round one particular Guru in this venture we plan to have a group of men trained in theology and allied subjects, living in close fellowship with the students in the setting of the life and fellowship of the Ashram and in association with a wider fellowship of outstanding Christian leaders who have agreed to come and help for shorter periods. Among the latter may

be mentioned the names of Rt. Rev. Alexander Mar Theophilus, Rev. R. R. Keithan, Rev. S. Selvaratnam, Dr. A. V. Mathew, Rev. P. J. Thomas, Dr. P. D. Devanandan, Dr. P. J. Thomas, Rev. Fr. William T.O.C.D., Sri M. M. Thomas, Sri K. K. Kuruvilla, Sri Mark Sunder Rao and others. The Most Rev. Juhanon Mar Thoma, the Most Rev. Abraham Mar Clemis, Rt. Rev. John Sadiq, Rt. Rev. Mathews Mar Evanios and others have also promised kind co-operation in this venture. True learning can come only in personal contacts and life in community through which the teachers and the taught can grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and come to a fuller realisation of His Kingdom. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit who guides us into all truth will be Himself the Guru and the Guide.

Even though the Gurukul is not conceived as an alternative to a theological college, the course of studies will include the Bible, Church History, Theology, Major Religions of India and contemporary social and political movements. Provision will also be made for lectures and discussions on Psychology, Philosophy, and movements like Pacifism, Sarvodaya etc.

Time will be given for the study of some handicrafts and for productive manual work such as agriculture.

The Gurukul library is growing and the students are expected to do independent reading in line with class room work so as to enable them to bear their full share in discussions. By this it is hoped they will develop a sense of responsibility, co-operation and self confidence. Music, discussion classes, community service projects etc. will be arranged. We seek to encourage a scientific attitude that takes note of spiritual values to life in all its aspects theoretical and practical.

The Gurukul is open to young people in and outside Kerala irrespective of denominational affiliations. Some of the expected leaders are also from outside. Hence we expect the students to have a working knowledge of English. Help will also be offered for those who need better access to the English language.

Expenses for food will come to approximately Rs. 25/- per month. Those who are able will be expected to pay the

amount. Some stipends are available for others to cover whole or part of their expenses. We would welcome help from interested friends who would be willing to contribute towards the expenses of the students. Church Groups, Ashrams Fellowship Groups and parents are urged to recommend the Gurukul to young people known to them.

The First session will D. V. begin on July 3rd 1958t Those who desire to come must contact the Secretary by letter if not in person, preferably before June 25th. They should supply information regarding their age, educational qualifications, religious and family background etc ; in their application.

Christavashram, Manganam, Kottayam, Kerala State.
3rd June 1958.

K. I. MATHAI.

K. K. CHANDY.

The note of commendation below is from the Most Rev. Juhanon Mar Thoma, a President of the World Council of Churches who is the Visitor President of the Christavasram, Manganam :—

I have great pleasure in recommending this venture of the Gurukul. It is a venture and new experiment. So much depends upon the support we get from the churches in Kerala, and also on the type of students who come. It is our hope that from this Gurukul young people will go forth for service in the Ashram and in the church. To those who think of entering the ministry in the church the course and life here in the Gurukul, will prove to be an added qualification for being chosen to the Theological Colleges. Commending the Gurukul to the prayerful support of churches and Christian Institutions in and outside Kerala.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) **Juhanon Mar Thoma,**
(Visitor President)

P.S. The course will extend to a period of nine months.

NEWS FROM SHAHDOL

June 9 was a red letter day for the N.M S. Fellowship at Shahdol. Early that morning arrived Dr. G. Devasahayam of the Andhra Lutheran Church, Guntur, **President**, and Prof. D. T. Chiranjivi of Meston Training College, Madras, **Treasurer** of the Lutheran Branch of the N. M. S., and they spent the day with Dr. Ramabai Gopal and her medical staff, Pastor T. Spencer, Mrs. V. S. Krupadanam and Evangelist Susheel Kumar. The N. M. S. House at Shahdol rang with much music and was filled with the joy of inspiring Christian fellowship. The officers were deeply impressed by the rapidly developing medical work and the need for securing additional accommodation to take in ten more in-patients, the present premises providing only for 4 or at the most 6 in-patients. Surgical instruments for Rs. 800/- having been ordered, the doctor will have increased pressure for admission as in-patients.

Summer in Madhya Pradesh imposed much hardship on our workers from the South. The living rooms upstairs were unprotected by verandahs on either side, and the Compounder's dispensing room became their refuge between noon and 4-30 p.m. when the afternoon duty started. Still the doctor wrote "We have great cause for thankfulness for the large spacious house the Lord graciously provided for us to begin our ministry. The next months will be a season of heavy rain, and the staircase and the verandahs will need to be covered. The Landlord has been unable to incur extra expenditure. Also, the house needs to be installed with electricity. If the landlord does not find extra money to make good permanent terraced verandahs, we may have to provide some temporary verandahs for the living room upstairs."

On the evening of the 9th, a special service was held on the verandah downstairs used as Chapel. The Service was inspiring and was enlivened by good music, the Spencer children Dolly and Polly playing the tambourine The doctor sang her favourite hymn with the chorus 'I am satisfied with Jesus ... ...

But the question comes to me, as I think of Calvary,
Is my Master satisfied with me?'

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Bombay	...	358	00		
United Provinces	...	672	22		
Madhya Pradesh	...	80	00		
Rajasthan	...	5	00		
Andhra	...	201	41		
Bihar	...	38	00		
Calcutta	...	5	00		
S. Tamil Area	...	192	76		
N. Tamil Area	...	262	41		
Madras	...	402	25		
Madras Ladies' Auxiliary	...	69	50		
S. Kanara	...	56	12		
Kerala	...	79	00		
N. M. I. & Deepikai	...	63	00		
Interest on Securities	...	113	60		
For Nepal work	...	665	00		
„ Jawadi „	...	10	00		
„ Puri Ashram work	...	250	00		
Katteri School Grant	...	226	00		
Puram „ „	...	363	35		
Field Receipts	...	159	35		
Miscellaneous	...	157	85		
Birthday Gifts	...	36	00		
Suspense	...	211	00		
				4,676	82
Deficit in working				2,651	75
Total				7,328	57

FOR APRIL AND MAY 1958

EXPENDITURE

		Rs.	nP.
Puram	...	1,598	53
Katteri	...	761	19
Jawadi Hills	...	265	00
Puri Ashram	...	1,084	75
Head Quarters	...	1,067	98
N. M. I. & Deepikai	...	454	11
N. I. Org. Secretary	...	300	00
S. I. ,, ,,	...	402	61
Gospel Team (Calcutta)	...	286	43
Nepal work	...	500	00

General:

Repairs to quarters	497	50		
General Printing	49	13		
Bank charges	11	34		
Miscellaneous	50	00		
			607	97
		Total	7,328	57

BANK BALANCE

Overdraft on 1-4-1958 (actual)	5,922	56
Plus (+) Deficit for April & May 1958	2,651	75
	8,574	31
Minus (-) Earmarked amounts for reducing the overdraft	6,831	75
Overdraft on 1-6-1958 (actual)	1,742	56

Note:

Overdraft limit on 1-4-1958	15,715	00
Less Earmarked items for reducing the overdraft	6,831	00
Overdraft limit on 1-6-1958	8,884	00

(Sd.) J. B. Masillamani,
Hon. Treasurer, N.M.S. of India.

16-6-1958

THE MOST REV. ARABINDO NATH MUKERJEE (Metropolitan of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon) writes about the Lambeth conference:

"The Bishops will assemble at Lambeth in 1958 at a critical time of the world's history. To begin with, there is the menace of the nuclear weapons. In South East Asia the resurgence of National religions is seriously affecting the life and witness of the Churches. There is the mounting racial tension in Africa and elsewhere. Amidst those disturbing factors one cannot fail to take note of the rising tide of desire for the reunion of Churches.

"In more ways than one the Lambeth Conference has a world significance. Hope and expectancy are roused in Christians on the eve of the gathering of Bishops at Lambeth. The world looks hopefully to the pronouncements of the Church on the problems which vex her. The Lambeth Conference can only state the principles of Christian action in the light of the Gospel. It is left for each Province, Diocese and Parish to apply these principles to the local situation and translate them into fruitful action. Thus the impact of Lambeth on the daily life of a Christian in his worship, witness and Christian neighbourliness is unmistakable. **(Lambeth concerns not only the Bishops but also the rank and file of Christians.)** It behoves us all to give ourselves to prayer at this time—pray that the Bishops as they take counsel for the good estate of the Catholic Church may be rightly inspired and guided by the Holy Ghost."

—From Oversea News.

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John, Jeshuran, and Ammani (Krupadanam's childran) were confirmed, four children (including two grand children of Mrs. Krupadanam) were baptised. Dr. G. Devasahayam, **President** preached an inspiring sermon on the text, Rom 8, 18-19. The Chapel was crowded, and the worshippers were full of praise to God for this memorable service.

News of the visit of the officers to the other centres of work in our Mid-India field will be published in the next issue.

J. D. A.

CHRISTA SEVA VIDYALAYA, MADRAS

The C. S. V. is a training centre for women of advanced education who wish to take up whole-time Christian service. Others also who wish to fit themselves more fully to become leaders in voluntary work could take advantage of the course.

The Director of Studies would be glad to receive applications for the new course as soon as possible. This course is due to begin on July 2nd, 1958, lasts for nine months. Board alone costs about Rs 40 per month, but it would be necessary for a student to receive a stipend of more than this in order to cover necessary personal expenses as well as the railway journey to and from her home.

Perhaps you know somebody who should be sending in an application. All prospective candidates should write for further information to the Director of Studies, Miss M. O. Valentine, C.S.V., 7/2 College Road, Madras 31.

Apply immedietly.

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N. M. S. Week of Prayer

5th to 12th October, 1958

DAY OF PRAYER

12th October, 1958

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

11th October, 1958

WANTED

An Experienced, married and theologically trained Asst. Pastor for the Oriya Baptist Church, Cuttack, Orissa. Please apply to the undersigned mentioning age, educational qualification, languages known, past services and present occupation by the end of August, 1958.

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Rev. B. Pradhan,
Secretary,
Cuttack Oriya Baptist Church,
Madhusudan Road, Cuttack-1.
Orissa.

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"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"
"and lo, I am with you alway,
even unto the end of the world—Amen."

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PRAYER TOPICS

Let us thank God:

For the response to our appeal about Jawadi work. A couple of Christian workers have offered to work on the hills from 1st August.

For the good news that we have heard from Miss K. Sircar, our missionary at Nepal and the progress she makes in learning the language.

For the Youth activity in Madras City.

For the evangelistic work and the progress made at Ishapanthi Ashram, Puri.

For the invitation from the Mar Thoma Committee to the All India Council to meet at Tiruvalla and the arrangements that are being made in this connection.

Let us pray:

That God may bless all the efforts of the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Madras in connection with the Sale on 9th August.

That God may bless all those who attend the All India Council Meetings at Tiruvalla from 10th to 14th September and that the deliberations of the Council may be guided by Him.

NOTE.—When articles in the NATIONAL MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER are an expression of the policy or view of the Society as represented by its All India Council or Executive Committee, this fact will be made clear. In all other instances the writer of the paper is responsible for the opinion expressed. The Editorial notes, if any, present the opinion of the Editor alone.—S. D.

That some more Evangelists may be guided to take up work in the N.M.S,

That God may open ways and means of contacting the congregations and individuals in the Andhra area.

That God may bless the Organising Secretaries and their activities that their work may be fruitful.

That the Convention in Madras led by Dr. Akbar Haqq may be abundantly blessed and that the Youth may be stirred up for greater religious activities.

DEVOTIONAL HOUR

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever.–Ps. 107 : 1.

Thanksgiving lies at the heart of the Christian faith. Perhaps just for this reason there are people who find it superfluous and waste of time. Let us rather proceed and have something more done than to halt and spend our time in expressing our thanks. God does not need this, but we need to hurry on in our tasks and duties. We must make use of the precious time. So thought the nine lepers as they hurriedly proceeded on from their cleansing by Jesus. Only one took time to return to give glory to God.

Some people find it unreasonable as the school-boy who from his teacher bought a pencil and a note-book. "Don't you say: Thank you?" his teacher asked. "No, not when I pay cash," was the answer of the boy. Some people are like this boy. God has created me, so it would be his duty also to care for me, they think. They take his gifts as a matter of course.

Some people do not find it worthwhile. After all there is so little to be thankful for, that it is better to leave it. There is no gift of God without a snag in it which we shall soon come to realize. They go their life time grumbling and worrying as if they always had a bitter taste in their mouth.

But some people understand the value of thankgiving. They do it gladly. They feel the necessity to stop in the

midst of the rush of life to consider how good the Lord has been to them though they have deserved it so little. They do not want that a happy occasion should disappear into past time without their noticing it also in this fashion that they bring their thanks to God for his blessings.

They feel that they are more happy to receive when they get an opportunity to express their thanks. Thereby only the gift to them gets its full value. Though God might not need our thanks we ourselves cannot go without showing it; to them it is a necessity in order to be able to enjoy the gift.

They realize that by being forgetful in thanksgiving some of the greatest gifts of God might even pass unnoticed, and that they thereby might be deprived on some or the most joyful experiences which God had in store for them.

They find that they would never have come to understand the bounteous riches and grace of our Lord, had they not started counting all his good gifts which they could ever come to think of, one by one.

They know that only a life in happy thanksgiving is worthwhile, because only this gives a happy review of the past. Then instead of regretting the happy past days they experience the joy of them once more by saying thanks.

They experience a new dedication in thanksgiving. The heart cannot be overflowing with thanks without expressing itself in action in the present time. God who has been so good to them is worth serving also in the present day; that goes without saying. A thankful man is also an active man. And what can give better assurance in one's service than remembrance of God's good gifts.

They simply feel that the name of our Lord should be praised. It comes as a natural thing to them because they have received the new nature of the Christian life. Should not we also join their chorus in the praise of the Lord who has certainly been good to us and whose steadfast love throws its light upon the days to come?

D. B.
Gospel Witness.

VISIT OF Miss E. L. JOSHUA, ORGANISING SECRETARY TO PLACES IN CHINGLEPUT

An N. M. S. meeting at St Thomas Mount was held on 4-7-1958 at the Methodist Mission Boys' High School, Alandur, Miss Elizebeth Paul presiding Mr. D. Koilpichai of the C.L.S , gave a very interesting and challenging missionery message. There were special songs and testimony by Mr. Samson Pushparaj who appealed to the Yonth to dedicate their lives for missionery cause.

The Chairman gave a brief account of the latest developments of the N. M. S. work and the meeting was attended by about forty friends:

C. S. I. GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL, CHINGLEPUT

The Headmistress writes :

We are glad to report that we have a J. M. A. group, and at its meeting every Thursday evening, talks are given about the N. M. S., Missionary work at Papua, Work of the Bible Society and Sunday School Union. A collection is taken for the missionary cause. Children pay some money by selling flowers and neem seeds. Last year we were able to send Rs. 20/- to each of the Societies.

Miss Joshua visited the school on 31st June and spoke about the work done at Nepal, Katteri and Jawadi Hills.

The children pray every day for missionary work.

A REQUEST

Friends and supporters of the Society who have not sent their contributions during the last three months being lean months are requested to send them to the Hon. Treasurer as early as possible. Their attention is kindly invited to the statement of accounts published elsewhere in this issue.

S. D.

ISHAPANTHI ASHRAM PURI

(Special evangelisric efforts during the summer 1958.)

Four evangelists have come and spent many weeks here in a fellowship of study, prayer and preaching. Brother and Sister John were already in residence. In spite of certain inconveniences, we were enabled by the grace of God to utilise many of the opportunities that are here. The four evangelists who came from outside are :– Sevak H. P. Jennah from Koonjor Gospel House, Brother Rabindra K. Nath unattached evangelist, Brother Ishananda S. K. Paul an itinerant preacher and Acharya R. C. Das of Varanasi.

We started with an opening meeting, which was attended by some representatives of the local church and a Hindu Doctor. In this meeting the ideals and aims of the Ashram and the N.M.S. were explained. We have had regular Sunday morning service here and attended the local church service in the afternoon. A regular Bible Study every morning at 7 a.m. has been carried onon the following subjects: (i) the church, its nature and function (ii) Evangelistic principles etc. On free evenings informal conversation on Hinduism, evangelistic methods, Ashram ideals and practices and other necessary subjects took place.

The Baptist Mission library on the main road near Jaganath temple has been made available for our use. During the car festival we have preached and sold Gospels among pilgrims every day for 10 days and at other times we have used the Centre 3 days a week. In the sea beach some Hindu homes and religious Institutions were visited. We have also helped in the services and the house prayer meetings of the local church. Members of the local church and some brethren from outside stations joined us in preaching during the car festival days. Brother Ishananda's singing with preaching and brother Jennah's preaching were appreciated. One of these thinks of staying on permanently.

We are first of all thankful to God for his mercies and presence with us and grateful to the N M.S. for making it possible for us to have done this intensive work in Puri. We would particularly thank Brother and Sister John for their unfailing courtesy and helpfulness on the spot. We wish more could be done. But for what God has enabled us to do let His Holy name be praised.

R. C. DAS.

UNITED MISSION TO NEPAL
Executive Secretary's Report, 1958

The Annual Meeting this year is an historical event in that it is the first to be held inside Nepal, thus progressing towards the fulfilment of our constitutional aim to have the Headquarters of the United Mission in Nepal. The Executive Committee also met for the first time in Nepal last October, and decided the venue of this present Annual Meeting. At that time the Executive Committee members had the privilege of being presented to their Majesties the King and Queen of Nepal at a Reception held in the United Mission Hospital.

In spite of the various political changes that have taken place during the past year, the Mission has continued to maintain the goodwill of the Government officers, and we believe that the past year has also witnessed a marked progress in the acceptance of us by the common people. It is no use hiding the fact that certain elements regard us suspiciously and jealously, but we feel sure that the work has gained a real place in the land. This is important, because at the end of this present year the initial five year agreement with Government comes to an end, and we have to renew that agreement. We have reason to believe that more specific religious clauses will be placed before us, as has been done with a group more recently entering Nepal, but at the same time we may anticipate the drafting of a National Constitution which will ensure religious freedom. It will be one of the tasks of this Annual Meeting to give direction to our approach for a new agreement, and also to propose plans for our work in the light of a new agreement.

We have increased in Christian personnel from 58 reported last year to 75 this year: that is made up as follows:—Indians—22 (of whom 14 are either Nepali or Lepcha by race), Nepali—6, Americans—23, Britishers—14, Norwegian—5, Swedish—3, Swiss—1, German—4. Particular mention will, no doubt, be made of this increase in personnel in the area reports.

Last year I reported on negotiations with the Mission to Lepers and the Ebenezar Evangelical Lutheran Church, and now I am able to give further details. The Mission to Lepers has been granted land at Banghaban, just outside

the valley of Kathmandu, and Dr. Chandy is now devoting all his time to the erection of the first buildings, while Dr. Cecil Pedley is now in Kathmandu for the medical work among lepers. Dr. Pedley, through the kindness of the Mission to Lepers, has helped us at Tansen for the past six months, and we are very grateful indeed for that help. In February Mr. W. Russell, Executive Secretary of the Mission to Lepers, London, and Mr. W. Bailey, Secretary for India, met the Drs. Fleming and myself in Kathmandu to try and thrash out certain matters regarding their association with us; feeling that the special character of the Mission to Lepers did not allow of its applying for *membership* as defined in our Constitution, they are still anxious that the Leprosarium should be integrated in the work of the Kathmandu Area of the United Mission to Nepal. I am hoping that a written statement on their views, and the points we agreed upon, will be available to the Annual Meeting for discussion. It may result in our deciding to amend the Constitution to admit affiliation as well as membership. These thoughts apply somewhat to the Ebenezar Evangelical Lutheran Church. Having formed a Nepal Mission with Santali Pastors to do evangelistic work among Santals in the Nepal Terai, it was not possible for the United Mission to Nepal to ask Government to grant permission for their programme, as we do not have permission to do direct evangelistic work. They have decided, therefore, to go ahead with their own programme, and we are indeed glad to see this missionary effort of the Indian Church. At the same time, we would welcome some kind of affiliation with this Church, and also with the National Missionary Society, which has now opened its work with a small Ashram at Butwol. No definite progress has been made towards the establishing of the work in Dangdeokhuri Valley among the Tharus; replies from the U. P. Christian Council and the Convention of Churches of the Disciples of Christ. to whom appeals were sent after the Executive Committee, have not yet been received. I have heard, however, of young people and groups who are interested in preparing for this work.

While there have been no new definite applications from Churches or Missions for membership during the past year, there have been enquiries from at least five sources which may ultimately lead to applications. In January of this year I was privileged to address the Annual Conference of the Evangelical Fellowship of India in Vellore concerning the

United Mission, and received many encouraging enquiries and assurances of prayer afterwards. Throughout the year the various member bodies have continued their support to the work in personnel and funds, and the Treasurer will be reporting later on the finances received.

Special mention should be made this year of one or two extensions: the first is the actual opening of the girls' school in Kathmandu after a long period of waiting for just the right place; the second is the digging of the foundations of the Bhatgaon hospital, and, thirdly, the going of the first medical workers to join the educational and literacy team at Gorkha. I am sure that full and interesting mention of these will be made in the area reports, but there is another extension which must be included in this report, and that is the continued survey of East Nepal by Miss Ballard and her team of Nepali helpers. Since October they have been first in Tuxor, near Bhojpur, and more recently in Okhladunga. In both places they have found a real medical need, a desire to have the Mission meet that need, and also an eagerness to learn about Jesus Christ. Miss Ballard reports that local people are formulating an application to Government for the opening of work by the United Mission, and we may soon be faced with a definite opportunity there. Our thanks are due to Miss Ballard and her colleagues for carrying out this long spell of arduous trekking.

The Mar Thoma missionaries continue their excellent work in Kathmandu, and have made a constitution for their own Church, which insists on only Nepali citizens being able to hold office. While many of the workers of the United Mission continue to have fellowship in worship and service with these excellent missionaries, some have felt that the Constitution is too limiting, and a separate service for worship has been set up in another part of Kathmandu, and this separate service is run by a Committee of Nepali and Indian Chistians. In no sense is there competition betweeen the groups, and it is to be hoped that every opportunity will be taken for meetings together for prayer, and the eventual forgiving of a real unity between them. Both groups continue to make good contacts, and have seen results during the past year.

The Revised Nepali New Testament and Psalms is now with the printers in Calcutta, and copies are expected by the end of the year.

May I express my thanks for co-operation to the officers, members and staff of the United Mission to Nepal during this past year. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to the Lord for all that He has accomplished.

NEWS FROM OUR MID-INDIA FIELDS

THE OFFICERS' VISIT

Leaving Shahdol on June 10th, President Dr. G. Devasahayam and Treasurer Prof. D. T. Chiranjivi, who spent an inspiring time of fellowship at Shahdol on June 9th (Vide July N.M I. Page 61), travelled by Bhopal Express from Shahdol to Pendra Road on the 10th. Travelling by bus, they reached Murwahi at 8-30 p.m. completely covered with fine dust. After supper and a night's rest, they left at 4 a.m. for Usad Village in bullock carts and returned to Murwahi that night. On the 12th they were at Kotma and met Rev. Raymond Martin and the workers of Karhani and Kotma. After a conference with them, they reached shahdol the same night and spent the full day 13th at Shahdol. On the 14th Mr. Chiranjivi left for Madras but President Devasahayam met with an accident, and had to stay at our hospital for a week. That gave him another joyous day with the congregation on Sunday the 22nd. These two officers have brought inspiring news of the good team work at Shahdol which is opening up doors for evangelistic work in this wide area.

Two matters had been suggested for special prayers: i) The need for electricity for our hospital building. The landlord has now provided it. (ii) The living room upstairs had no verandah and our workers suffered much during summer. We are anxious about the living rooms not being protected for the monsoon rains. On the recommendation of the officers a superstructure is being put up on the road-side verandah upstairs which will not only give the needed protection but also will provide a better and quieter place for chapel worship for the congreation.

Uraon Work : The long looked for Uraon Work near Murwahi is being initiated by Ev. Beck. The officers have also recommended that the possibilities of evangelistic work in South Shahdol tribal area be further explored and needed steps taken to initiate the work.

J. D. A.

70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE Rev. J. D. ASIRVADAM,

President Emeritus of the Lutheran N.M.S.

On June 17th this year the Rev. J. D. Asirvadam completed 70 years of his life and practically 50 years of service as a Christian worker. Having pledged himself as a student to serve his Lord and His Church, he became a teacher in January 1909. He served the Madras Christian College High School for 12 years and the College for 19 years. During the World WarNo. I he answered the call of the Lord to serve the Lutheran Church in India. He served as its Hony. Secretary for 11 years, a member of its Executive Committee for 21 years and also as Secretary of the Lutheran Branch of the N. M S. since 1916. Now he is the President Emeritus of the Lutheran N.M.S.

Mr. Asirvadam was connected with the N. M. S. from its inception. Since 1913 he was intimately connected with the administration of the Society and from 1916 he represented the Lutheran Committee on the Executive. In 1924 he served the Society as its Hon. General Secretary for a year.

On 17th June there was a thanks-giving service at Arulagam, Tambaram and greetings were received from many of his friends and admirers.

The readers of the N.M.I. will recall many of his articles which describe in detail the work of the Lutheran N.M S. in Mid-India. Though he is 70, he is very active and is on constant tour visiting the Lutheran N.M.S. Fields. He is full of zeal and enthusiasm for missionary work, especially at Shahdol where a hospital has been started.

The Members of the Standing Committee of the N.M.S. and all friends who know the revered Christian leader send their warmest greetings and good wishes for his very useful service to his Church and the Lutheran N.M.S.

From **The Gospel Witness.**

Mr. CHAKKARAI

Servant of the Lord and Servant of his country

The late Mr. V. Chakkarai had two passions, two loyalties and two devotions—the Lord and the Labour Union of Madras, and was elected to the Municipal Council for many years and was a Mayor, the highest honour that local Councils can confer. He entered the Madras Assembly and was a spokesman of labour in it. He entered the labour world with the Bible in his hand and he took his Saviour with him to his secular labours.

He was Editor of the Christian Patriot for more than a decade and the Secretary of Christo Samaj. He wanted Christ to be our Lord and Christianity to strike roots in India and bear fruit. He led a Crusade against alien Christianity, foreign theology and worship that did not spring from the heart. Curiously enough orthodoxy of the day called this heresy. His message to the Indian Christians "Be Indian" was taken as an insult.

Mr. Chakkarai was an vorations reader and his first love was English literature, next theology. He was well versed in Tamil sacred lore. Cardinal Newman and Ramalingaswamy were his favourites. His extensive reading gave a flavour of quality to whatever he wrote and spoke. His books "Jesus the Avatar", "The Cross and Indian thought" and his contributions to "Rethinking Christianity" carry the stamp of his literary style.

N.M.S. had a warm corner in Sri Chakkarai's heart because it sprang from the heart of Indian Christians. He was on its Executive Committee often. In all his speeches he showed how he deserves our love and esteem.

The passing away of Sri Chakkarai leaves a vacuum in many places. The grief is tempered by the consolation that he served his Lord in India to the best of his capacity and left after him the example of sanctified secular service which the community may need more and more as years pass by. He has the welcome of the Lord on one side and the gratitude of his comrades on the other. What more can we expect of a consecrated Christian life. !

P. CHENCHIAH.

A NOTED EVANGELIST

Ever since Billy Graham visited India, quite a number have been burdened with the burden of winning our land for Christ. In answer to the prayers of many we find that God has been widely using particular individuals, Teams, Fellowships etc. We have already mentioned in these columns the wonderful ministry of Dr. Akbar Abdul Haqq, aged 37.

Dr. Akbar Haqq was the Principal of the Henry Martyn School of Islamics until this May when he resigned because he felt God calling him to full-time evangelism. He is a Ph. D. and a double M A., but above all he has a heart on fire for God and a deep passion to help win his own nation to Christ. During the past year he has held very successful campaigns in Kanpur, Ludhiana and Vellore and was specially requested by Dr. Billy Graham to go to America to assist him in the New York and San Francisco Campaigns. He will be coming straight from San Francisco to Madras.

In response to the invitation of "God Calls the Church Convention Committee," Dr. Akbar Haqq and his team known as **"Life in Christ"** will hold a two-week campaign in Doveton Grounds, Madras, from 4th to 15th August 1958. It will interest our readers that Dr. Abdul Haqq, Sr., father of Dr. Haqq, Jr., popularly known as Father Haqq, is a member of the latter's Evangelistic team. Father Haqq, will be present along with Dr. Akbar Haqq in Madras.

We request all our readers to pray for a mighty working of the Holy Spirit on these meetings to be held in Madras from the 4th to 16th August. We trust the citizens of Madras will attend these in great numbers, and also as many as possible from mofussil places, far and near.

THE POST GOLDEN JUBILEE TRIENNIAL SESSIONS OF THE ALL-INDIA COUNCIL OF THE N.M.S.

Kerala Calling ! *Kerala Calling !!*

The Mar-Thoma Evangelistic association playing the host for this session ; while doing so, they also provide an occasion for a Spiritual Feast. Hence the members and

visitors of the All-India Gouncil have been alerted to be in readiness during the 2nd week of September for a pilgrimage from all parts of India. Yes! it is as pilgrims they are called to assemble at Tiruvella of Travancore—made popular as " *Dharma Bhoomi* "—the land of charity. If the outlook of a pilgrim is not upper-most in their mind, their trip to this session may not serve the main purpose.

They go there to rededicate their lives amidst memorable scenes: they would be treading grounds made sacred with the blood of the martyrs among the followers of Christ that ever landed on the South West Coast of this sub-contient; yea! they landed only as emissaries of the Prince of Peace to proclaim the good tidings of the Kingdom of God. It may be said to the credit of Keral Christians that these good tidings have been spread in Malayalam scriptures all over India since they are dispersed throughout the length and breadth of the motherland.

Sanctified by these memories and under the spell of the Holy Spirit, the members of the All-India Council, would be guiding the deliberations of its momentous sessions. They are momentous, because it is the first one following the Golden Jubilee held in Calcutta not far from the scene of the genesis of the N.M.S. It is also momentous, as weihty decisions are to be reached at the beginning ot the 2nd mile stone of help and hope as a distinctive advance on the first mile stone of the Calcutta sessions, raised by the President as the sage of Israel did at Ebenezar (I Sam. 7 : 12).

Tiruvella sessions are timed in the midst of world-shaking events, transpiring in the land of the Bible. We are forbidden to be speculators. But, as followers of Christ, we are not left in suspense as to the final objective of the eternal purpose of God. These are signs of the shape of things to come. A "new creation" is envisaged with the attendent birth-pangs. The old order must change yielding place to the new. Possibly these are indications of 'the end of an old era'. By these events which are instilling fear and alarm, the Christian nationals of India are called to be alive to their Holy Calling and be prepared to pay the price for "making their election sure".

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		Rs.	nP.	
Bombay	...	410	00	
Uttar Pradesh	...	974	55	
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Rajasthan	...	5	00	
Andhra	...	263	41	
Bihar	...	44	00	
Calcutta	...	214	00	
S. Tamil Area	...	278	35	
N. Tamil Area	...	356	76	
Madras	...	554	25	
Madras L. Auxiliary	...	114	00	
S. Kanara	...	67	62	
Kerala	...	143	00	
For N. M. I. & Deepikai	...	65	00	
Interest on Securities	...	114	60	
For Nepal Work	...	670	00	
For Jawadi work	...	190	00	
For Puri Ashram	...	250	00	
From Outside India	...	300	00	
Katteri School Grant	...	338	00	
Puram School Grant	...	726	70	
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EXPENDITURE

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Katteri			...	1,179	51
Jawadi Hills			...	821	81
Puri Ashram			...	1,084	75
Headquarters			...	1,667	24
N. M. I. & Deepikai			...	888	35
N. India Organising Secretary			...	300	00
S. India „ „			...	597	30
Gospel Team			...	286	43
Nepal Work			...	500	00
Hony. Gl. Secretary			...	57	38
Khristapanthi Ashram, Benares			...	300	00
General					
Repairs	... 497	50			
Gl. Printing	... 62	38	...	623	49
Miscellaneous	... 50	00			
Bank Charges	... 13	61			

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Since the celebration of the N.M.S. Golden Jubilee, the Indian Christians have been subjected to severe trials of their faith in Christ as the eternal living Saviour of the Souls. The cause of the N.M.S. has been vindicated even by "The Report of the Christian Missionaries Activities Enquiry Committee" set up by the Madhya Predesh Government. Our people would have been spared from the scandals and accusations, if they had risen as a united body in response to the call of the N M S. to evangleise the motherland without foreign aid. Thank God, the N.M.S. has survived financial deficits by the steady support of the Indian 'widow's mite'. But the task of proclaiming the Good Tidings of the Kingdom of God and His Christ is yet unfinished; it must be shouldered by the Indian Christian nationals among the pagan folks of the hills and other "unoccupied area" with Indian talents and resources. How else would the end come of an Epoch of Woes and Wars the end as predicted by our Lord? (Mtt. 24:14). Would not not Tiruvella reveal to us in a clear light the finger of God in this respect and other problems of the N.M.S. ?

C. P. MICHAEL.

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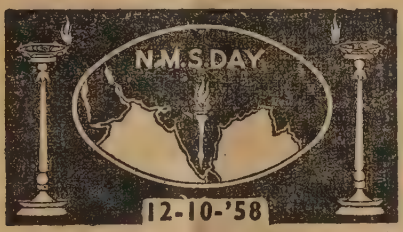
"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"
"and lo, I am with you alway,
even unto the end of the world—Amen."

THE CALL TO PRAYER

For the National Missionary Society of India

N. M. S. WEEK OF PRAYER— *October 5th to 12th, 1958.*



"Lift up your eyes, look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." S. John 4:35.

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." S. Matthew 9:38.

This call of prayer is sent out to all churches, institutions, members, friends and branches of the Society with a fervent hope that they will observe the Week of Prayer with hearts full of gratitude and thanksgiving to God for the wonderful way in which He has guided the Society during the years past as a channel to preach the Good News in areas where His glorious name is not yet proclaimed.

NOTE.—When articles in the NATIONAL MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER are an expression of the policy or view of the Society as represented by its All India Council or Executive Committee, this fact will be made clear. In all other instances the writer of the paper is responsible for the opinion expressed. The Editorial notes, if any, present the opinion of the Editor alone.—S. D.

It is also the desire of the Society that the Week of Prayer should be devoted as a period of intercession to seek God's guidance and help upon its future venture of faith.

The National Missionary Society of India which was born on 25th December 1905, in the library of that great veteran missionary, William Carey at Serampore Theological College, through the vision and prayers of 17 delegates from 7 different provinces of India, Burma and Ceylon with the object of undertaking evangelistic work in India with Indian men, Indian money and Indian management has still an increasing place in the missionary effort of our country, especially after Bharath has attained its independence.

The Church in India is making a real effort to be self-supporting and indigenous in its outlook, mode of worship, presenting Christ to India etc. But the time is not yet ripe for the Church in India to be entirely free from overseas support and influence. Till such time as the Church in India is fully self-supporting and indigenous, the National Missionary Society, as an All India Organisation embodying all denominations shall continue as an evangelistic arm of the Church, serving as a bridge builder between unevangelised areas and the worshipping and witnessing churches.

During the visit of the N.M.S. Gospel Team to N. India, the 3rd class railway journeys provided good opportunities to share the feelings of non-Christians towards Christianity. It seemed that two questions were uppermost in the minds of Hindus:— 1) Why Christianity is the only religion in India which is heavily financed by foreign missions, 2) why converts to Christianity become denationalised? The N. M. S. with its origin, its aims and objects to some extent seemed to allay the suspicion and fear of such people.

In spite of the heavy burden of debt under which the Society had been labouring for some years, attempts were made to expand the activities of the Society. New fields were opened in the following places:—

a) *Nepal:* A field was opened in Butwol which is about 20 miles within Nepal State from the Indian outpost. Miss Komolini Sircar, our much respected honorary missionary started the work in November 1957. She was joined later by an ardent young Syrian Christian, M. M. Mathai.

Both the workers, by their life and conduct, are silently influencing the people. Recently, a Nepali belonging to the Rana family has taken keen interest to read the Sermon on the Mount and expressed his desire to accept Jesus as his Saviour.

b) *Puri:* The Ishapanthi Ashram in Puri which was founded by the late Rev. B. C. Sircar of Calcutta was handed over to the Society. Mr. & Mrs. Sam John of Allahabad have offered their free services since February this year. In co-operation with the local Baptist Church, the Reading Room which occupies a central position near the Jagannath Temple was reopened for spreading the Word of God. An evangelistic campaign was organised in May and June with the help of the Rev. R. C. Das and three other workers. Puri affords good opportunity to pass on the message to hundreds of people who visit the temple daily from different parts of the country.

c) *Jawadhi Hills in N. Arcot District:* Work started on the hills last year. There are about 10,000 people on the hills. This area is an ideal place to introduce 4—dimension plan i.e. preaching, teaching, healing and raising the economic conditions of the poor.

The visit of the N.M.S. Gospel Team to U. P., Jubbalpur, Calcutta, Cuttack, Butwol and Puri renewed Christian fellowship and promoted zeal and interest for evangelistic effort among local Christians. The presence of 'Periannan' (Dr. S. Jesudason) with the Team added greatly to its success.

The work in our established fields at Katteri and Puram is carried on with fervour and zeal with the help of the Brothers of the Christu-kula Ashram.

It is a matter of thanksgiving that the debt of the Society has been reduced to Rs. 8,900/- and it is hoped that ere long the debt will be wiped out.

During the year a Youth Auxiliary has been formed in Madras City. We wish the young men 'to attempt great things for God.'

The Christian 'way of life' involves of necessity 'the way of prayer'. As some one has said "the fate of Christianity in the world depends upon the attitude of Christendom towards

prayer.....Either Christianity will conquer the world by prayer or it will perish....."

"The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few." Our Lord says the only way to secure labourers is by prayer. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest."

The Week of Prayer reminds us of our obligation to pray and of our privilege to serve and to give.

Let us therefore pray for the work of the National Missionary Society of India.

G. ZACHARIAH,
Chairman, Standing Committee,
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Royapettah, Madras.
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LETTER FROM Miss SIRCAR

Dear Friends,

I must apologise for this long silence, due to unavoidable reasons.

At the end of January I had to leave Butwal and go to Allahabad for what I then believed to be only minor dental treatment, involving an absence of about three weeks. But once in the hands of my dentist, it proved to be serious major dental treatment taking two months. Even for the absence of three weeks I could not be happy to leave my young colleague Shri M. M. Mathai here alone, in a new land, with no working knowledge of Napali or Hindi, and with all the house-hold and other work to shoulder single-handed. We have no servants. They are very expensive here. Shri Mathai had a back history of amoebic dysentery. In case of illness it would have been very hard for him to be all alone with no one to attend on him. I there-

fore got into touch with our General Secretary to invite Shri K. E. Eapen from Mahasamund, M. P. to be with Shri Mathai. Shri Eapen had agreed to become a member of our Butwal Voluntary Evangelistic Fellowship after completing his short rural medical training at Mahasamund Hospital. I requested Shri Eapen to come up for a month or more to be in Butwal and to study the local situation and be with Shri Mathai. These two were friends and had been together at Bangarapet Bible Institute, South India.

I was greatly relieved when Shri Eapen joined Shri Mathai at the end of January.

Butwal is regarded as a very difficult, malarial and unhealthy place. The water is not good and has always to be boiled for drinking. Both these friends got ill off and on. But heroically they carried on and made many personal contacts and distributed sacred scriptures and Christian literature. Shri Eapen was greatly encouraged by the opportunities and approach of our witness for our Lord and Master here in Butwal.

I returned early in April in order to be in Butwal for our First Good Friday and Easter here. Shri Eapen had to return in the third week of March to Mahasamund.

I was able to bring up a good stock of sacred Scriptures from the Bible Society and other books for library, also many other articles for our Fellowship Home, much needed here.

On my arrival in Butwal I was shocked to see the reduced condition and physical weakness of my colleague. Yet his brave spirit had triumphed over the weakness and he had not slackened in his work of evangelism. I realised that his illness was a serious matter and decided to send him for expert medical treatment to the United Mission Hospital at Tansen. The good doctors there took him in hand and did all that was necessary. He was due to return to Butwal early in May. At the end of April I went to Gorakhpur to bring in special provisions for him for his convalescence here. Butwal had entered the "off season" period when most of the big shopkeepers either go up higher to Nepal hills for summer, or go down to India. May to September is a very difficult season for food-stuffs in Butwal. I had good meetings with friends in Gorakhpur and got them interested in N.M.S. work in Nepal.

This is our first summer in Butwal. We had no idea it could be so hot in summer, with a temperature ranging between 112°—118°. The house too has tin roofs and becomes an oven in the day. One side catching the sun's scorching rays after midday living is impossible. We had just two tiny little rooms that were at all liveable. When Shri Mathai returned on 1st May he was almost his normal self. But within a few days he began losing weight. The heat, the sand storms and dust storms were all against him. It was no use keeping him here through those terrible days and undoing what the Tansen doctors had done for him. I got into touch again with our General Secretary for permission to send him home to recoup his health. Shri Mathai left for his home in May.

Soon after Shri Mathai's departure, I was greatly surprised and cheered when one enquirer came to me saying that he had been convinced after a study of the "Sermon on the mount" that our Lord Jesus was indeed the only Saviour of the world. He asked to be sent somewhere for further Christian teaching and fellowship. He was eager to be trained to become an evangelist for Nepal. This was the direct work of the Holy Spirit. The true Shepherd was calling His own sheep, who hear His voice and follow Him. Shri Mathai and I had only given out the sacred Scriptures, and sown the seed—the Word of God—in a completely virgin soil. The rest was the Lord's own doing and marvellous in our eyes! Raj Kumar Bharat Bikram Shah, this keen enquirer is a nephew of Col. Nararaj Shamsher Jang Bahadur Rana, the first Nepali Christian who was present at the N.M.S. Calcutta Jubilee Conference. Shri B. B. Shah is of royal blood connected with high Rana families, he henceforth wishes to be called only Shri B. B. shah.

After much prayer, I was led to think of Sat Tal Ashram where Shri B. B. Shah could go and would meet a number of Christian leaders and friends in the peaceful environment of the Ashram amid the beauty of nature. He would also meet there the world evangelist Dr. Stanley Jones and Rt. Rev. Alexander Mar Theophilus, a member of our N. M. S. Executive Committee, who being also the missionary and visiting Bishop of the Mar Thoma Church, has often visited Nepal and the Christa Shanti Sangh Ashram at Kathmandu. He knows the whole situation of

evangelistic approach and efforts in Nepal, and the possible future development of the Napali Christian Church.

Shri B. B. Shah was very happy to go to Sat Tal and left at the end of May for Sat Tal via Lucknow. As was to be expected, our arch enemy Lucifer, the Prince of darkness, also got very busy. False newspaper reports appeared in all the leading Napali papers in Kathmandu that Raj Kumar Bharat Bihram Shah had already become a Christian. All his relatives and widowed mother got much disturbed. Shri B. B. Shah has relatives in the aristocratic and high official society of Nepal. Hostile elements tried to rouse public indignation. The false news was contradicted.

At Lucknow Shri B. B. Shah got "loo" (heat stroke) and was unable to proceed to Sat Tal. God mercifully protected him. Many had died in Lucknow and elsewhere in the U. P. of heat stroke in May and June. He returned to Butwal towards the end of June, very weak indeed, and is now convalescing here.

God overrules all evil designs and makes "all things work together for good to them that love God". Shri B. B. Shah is growing much deeper in faith. The Lord Jesus, the good shepherd is Himself guiding him into the fulness of truth, life, love and joy. He now wishes to be with us in our Butwal Evangelistic Fellowship Home, till he is strong physically and spiritually.

I am expecting Shri Mathai to join me soon.

I share all this encouraging news with you. The Lord of the harvest is doing His own silent work in the hearts of many where the seed of the Word of God is sown. We have His promise, "as the rain cometh down, and snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth. It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

We were greatly cheered by the most unexpected visit of our dear Bishop Rt. Rev. Alexander Mar Theophilus and Achan George of Satna Ashram in June. The Bishop had written to me from Sat Tal, but as usual letters come long

after the guests! The Bishop's visit was all too brief, less than 20 hours, yet he was God-sent. I was able to unburden my heart to him, and seek his guidance with regard to the future training of Shri B. B. Shah, and the future development of the Christian body of Nepali converts.

I could not write in the N. M. I. earlier. Hostile forces to the Christian faith, in Nepal and India, are very alert. We did not wish to play into their hands till we were quite clear in our guidance.

I thank many of you for your kind Christmas greetings, letters and gifts of books. We have been passing through a "tunnel" experience and are now emerging into the light. You will please forgive my silence and now accept my deep gratitude and prayers.

The evangelistic work of our National Missionary Society in Nepal is an All-India venture of all denominations, provinces, races and linguistic areas. As such, it commands illimited resources, both material and spiritual. Above all, it depends wholly upon our supreme faith in the Lord of the Harvest to direct, control, protect and further His own Kingdom of love, truth, life, beauty and joy in Nepal. He is calling His own sheep by name and they are hearing His voice.

With loving greetings and prayers,

Yours in His fellowship,
KOMOLINI SIRCAR.

Non-Christian Religions of India and the Christian Attitude Towards them

BY DR. S. JESUDASON, F.R C.S.E.
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A Christian worker had arrived at one of the large towns in Tamil Nad. His host was taking him from the Railway Station to his home in a jutka. The Idol Procession was going on the road preceded by a band of musicians. The idol was dressed in rich silk garments and profusely garlanded and carried in a decorated palanquin by devoted worshippers. Many devotees were reverently preceding and following the very brightly lit Idol. The visitor himself, a

Convert, quietly and sadly remarked to his host, "Is it not strange and pitiful that in this twentieth century of intellectual progress and enlightenment our educated and cultured country men should be so devoutly bowing and worshipping these idols?" The host immediately replied, "You will see these worshippers shed tears as they behold and worship these idols!" Yes, it was while facing in utter devotion and worship before such idols that saintly Bakthas like Appar, Manickavasagar, Pattanathupilayar and Thayumanavar sang those inimitable and inspiring poems of love and adoration as they were lost in ecstatic rapture.

O Thou whose love is tender sweet,
More than the nursing mother fond,
My sinful stony heart it melts,
Thy light pervades my inmost heart,
Thy pourest joy like honey sweet,
O all pervading treasure Thou!
Thee I have chased Thee, I have caught
Sublime Siva where wilt Thou go?

This is a sample translated from Thiruvasagam of the Tamil Baktha poet, Manickavasagar who lived about 1000 years ago. Men and women (including some Christian Bakthas too) have found these songs a source of great inspiration. It is good for us Christians to pause and investigate with impartiality and deep sympathy the reasons and psychological processes for the source of this deep-rooted piety in the hearts of our countrymen to the faith of their fathers, a faith in which they were soaked from early infancy and nurtured by their parents and dear ones.

The late Rev. Dr. L. P. Larsen of saintly memory used to sadly remark, "The ignorance of the average Indian Christian about the Indian Religion is appalling!" Several factors have contributed to this woeful ignorance and lack of understanding of Non-Christian Faiths on our part. Even the ancient "Syrian" Church on the West Coast of India lived for centuries as an island by itself aloof, contented and ignorant of the faith of the large number of their country men among whom they lived almost as one of their castes! Even the so called missionary "Zeal" of the early Portuguese and Dutch invaders from the west was more political than

religious and often questionable methods were pursued by them in "Converting" non-Christians; and coersion and indirect bribery viviated their missionary methods. Then came Francis Xavier, a man full of missionary fervour and zeal and a mass movement took place especially among tho fisher-folks on the coastal villages of the South Tamil Nad. But Francis Xavier was not a scholar, either of Tamil or any other Indian Language and was ignorant of the deeper and philosphical side of Hinduism. He wrote to his chief, Ignatius Loyala that Hinduism was the "corrupt religion and the Hindus a corrupt race!" After him came a very different type of Jesuit missionaries like Robert De Nobili (Thathuva pothakar) and Father Beschi (Veeramamuni) who viewed Hinduism from a different angle and were scholars in Tamil. Father Beschi was the author of the famous classic "Thembavani" in Tamil poetry. Indeed, they adopted completely Indian mode of dress and food and lived like Hindu Sanyasis and attracted high caste Hindus to Christianity. Conversion of my own forefathars took place in 1690 A.D. by the influence of these jesuits. In the history of Protestant Christian mission in India, the Salvation Army in its early days completely adopted Indian mode of dress and life and the simplicity, self-sacrifice of the lives of its first Europeon officers did attract the Hindu mind to Christianity especially when men like Commissioner Booth Tucker (an ex-I.C.S. highly placed official) and the Singhalese saint Veerasuriya were its shining and guiding stars. But however, the language and mode of the Salvation Army was more of Protestant Revivalism suitable and understandable more by born Christians rather than non-Christians. As regards the several Protestant denominations in India, our whole attitude towards the non-Christian faiths has, on the whole, generally speaking, been moulded and shaped by the succession of Western missionaries who were the dominant personalities guiding our churches. This attitude could be summed up in one Tamil word by which the missionaries and Christians dubbed the Hindus-"ANGHANI" (Ignorant ones or little people without wisdom). While we were contemptuously calling them by this name, we were consciously or unconsciously shaping ourselves into a sort of a Caste or a Social Community with several sub-divisions among ourselves! We have become exclusive in our own way and this is also contributing more to our ignorance of our own neighbours and fellow country-men and their religion and customs. Our

branch Ashram at Courtallam has Christian young men for Gurukulam training. One evening I took some of my young Christian students to some Hindu friends' homes. As we were seated in one of the homes (High Caste people) some one came and poured water on the door steps as it was getting dark. Immediately one of my Christian students angrily whispered to me, "We better leave this house at once. They are pouring water on the door steps because they think we are low caste people. We should not wait a moment more here!" I asked him not to lose his temper, and pass hasty judgment as there might be some other meaning for what they did. After this we went to the next house and we found the water had already been poured on the doorsteps. I asked for an explanation and was told they always pour water on the door steps to WELCOME Lakshmi before the lights are turned on. My young Christian friend mistook in his ignorance a sign of welcome as one of contempt! Thank God, all our Indian Christians have not been of that mental type. Our greatest Tamil Christian poets like Vedanayaga Sastriyar, Rev. N. Samuel, and Krishnapillai have well understood some of the deeper concepts of Hindus and their religious expressions and have incorporated the ancient Hindu terms "OM", "OM NAMO" & "OM SHANTHY" in our devotional literature and worship. Rejection of these terms by hair-splitting derivations will have to end by rejection of our very language as un-Christian. The charge of "compromise", "syncreteism" or "Hinduising" Christianity against them would be as absurd as untrue for no man can challenge their loyalty to their Lord and Saviour Jesus. One of the grandest and most inspiring thoughts regarding the Mystery of our Lord's Incarnation is the fact that He entered into our very human being that He might be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, through, if I might say so reverently personal experience from "WITHIN US". (See Hebrews 4-15). Christianity does not oppose truth, beauty and goodness found in other faiths. Acts 10:35, Philipians 4:8. As I stated at the very begininning of the paper, we have to get into the inner being of our non-Christian Bakthas in order to feel from within how they feel like, how they look at God, how they live and move and have their being in Him in order to understand them, love them and lift them to a higher love of Christ. "I KNOW MY SHEEP—They shall hear My voice". (John 10:14, 16). This indeed is the very Spirit of the Incarnation—This is trying to get, if I may say so, into the

skin of the other person in order to understand him and help him. Preaching down to Hindus standing on a very high pulpit in a languge (Phraseology and terms) utterly strange and sometimes revolting to them is not surely in this loving and understanding spirit of the Incarnation of our Lord ! We must feel their feelings, understand their background, their early up-bringing by way of looking at things, the accidents, if I might say so, of their birth as compared with our birth and geneology, never forgetting that to most of us so-called Christians, our faith has come by birth and in Europe by Geographical and race conditions. Many of us have not chosen our religion by pure voluntary choice or investigation and by overcoming opposition and environments. We are almost born into our convictions and religious affiliations ! The Indian Christian must not neglect his ancient spiritual heritage and he must seek to know the treasures of knowledge, wisdom and beauty that lie hidden in the literature of the past. He must seek to perfect, fulfil, sanctify and sublimate every truth wherever found. When I was a boy, even Indian music like Nagaswaram was banned by some missionaries as 'heathenism'.

"We make His love too narrow
By false limits of our own.
And we magnify His strictness
By a zeal He will not own ;
For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of man's mind,
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind."

FIELD NEWS

Mr. & Mrs. P. R. Samuel, our newly appointed Evangelists for Jawadi Hills arrived at Katteri on 30th July 1958. On 31st July they led a retreat for our Katteri workers. From 1st to 4th August we camped at Thimmampet. Our new converts at Mindapet and a few catechumen in that area attended our meetings and were strengthened in their faith. Petaian is very keen to get baptism but his wife needs a little more time to embrace the Christian fold. At Thimmampet we visited the homes of our enquirers namely

Muthu Gounder, Ramasamy Mooper, Rajamanickam Udaiar, Lakshmi Ammal and a few others and gave them clear teaching about the Christian faith. At Pallur, Krishnasamy David and his wife Jebamony, our voluntary workers have managed to erect a small hut with the help of the local people and the people of the village hear the Gospel very gladly.

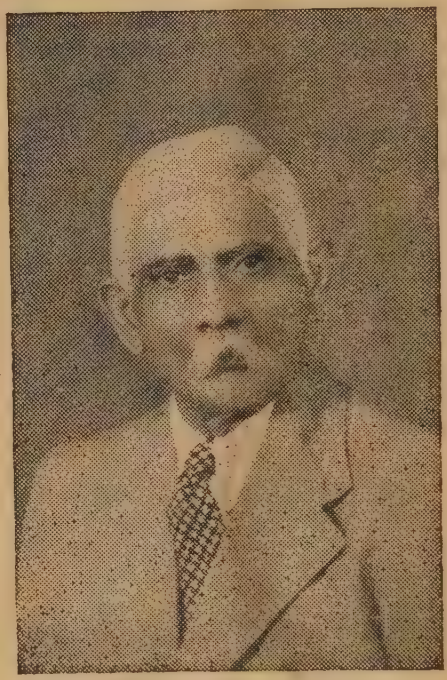
From 5th to 8th August we camped at Tirupattur in order to help the secret believers there. The Brahmin young man Subramony aged 33 who was hesitating to come out of the Hindu fold for the past two years decided finally this week to receive baptism. So, I arranged the baptism service in consultation with Dr. Raja Savariroyan. On Sunday, the 10th August in Puram 'Sadhu Sunder Singh Memorial Church' at 5 p.m., in the midst of Christu-kula Ashram brothers, Puram congregation and a few catechumen (including Rajagopal Chettiar) from Tirupattur and Athiyur, Subramony gave his testimony as to how he found salvation in Jesus Christ.

Five years ago, when he was a patient in the Ashram Hospital, he heard the Gospel and started reading the four Gospel portions first and later on, the whole Bible with an open mind. Ashram brothers and myself continued to be in touch with him all these years. Being the chosen vessel of the Lord, Subramony, with the new name Gnanamony had the courage to confess Christ openly through baptism and had become a member of the body of Christ.

Along with Kannan, Venkatesan, Swaminathan, Jeyammal, Rajagopal Chettiar and his family are now getting ready for baptism. We were able to visit them all these days and we are praying for them earnestly.

R. GNANADIKAM,
Katteri.

We have received the Sad news of the passing away of Suresh the only son of **Rev. Paul Das** at Allahabad after sudden illness. Our condolence to him and the family.



The Late SRI G. THANGASAMY,

MUNNAR

DONOR OF Rs. 500/–

This amount will be spent in Puram area and it is only a portion of a sum reserved for christian activities as per his Will.

'God blesseth a cheerful giver'

THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE N.M.S. YOUTH AUXILIARY.

The Inaugural meeting of the N.M.S. Youth Auxiliary was held at the Y.M.C.A. Grounds, Royapettah, Madras on 19th July, 1958. Rao Bahadur J. Devasahayam, Inspector General of Police (Retd.) presided. After prayer and Bible reading, the Members of the Male Voice Choir, Vepery, the Salvation Army Band and other Youth Organisations rendered musical items which were greatly enjoyed.

The Chairman referred to the steady growth of the N.M.S. for more than 50 years and said that the glory of God was not only seen among the activities of men but also in nature. He alone should be praised.

An impressive testimony was given by a young convert Mr. Shanmugasundaram.

The Mayor of Madras, Mrs. Tara Cherian, inaugurated the Auxiliary and pointed out that the Youth could play an important role, not only in Church and missionary activities but also in the National development. She added that there were ample opportunities for Christians to profess, preach and propagate their religion in Independent India.

Mr. E. V. Philip, Divisional Engineer, Telephone, gave a stirring message about the Kingdom of God and said that only those who know God can do great exploits.

With prayer and benediction the meeting ended.

The Youth Auxiliary is much indebted to the speakers and the Chairman for their participation in their Rally.

A Fancy Sale by the Ladies' Auxiliary, N.M.S.

The Annual Sale of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.M.S., was held at the Balar Kalvi Nilayam, Vepery, Madras on Saturday, 9th August, 1958 between 3-30 and 8-30 p.m. The proceeds of the Sale go towards the work in Puram in the N. Arcot Dt.

Before opening of the Sale, there was a short meeting presided over by Mrs. R. G. Chellappa, wife of the Bishop in Madras. After singing a hymn and prayer by Rev. D. G. Tucker, the Secretary of the Auxiliary Mrs. M. G. Joseph read a brief report about the work in Puram.

The Sale was opened by Mrs. Lourdammal Simon, Minister for Local Administration. In a brief speech she congratulated the members of the Auxiliary for their good work and mentioned that in this world there were many discouragements and difficulties when people tried to do good to others, especially those who were in need. In India at present, owing to dire economical circumstances, even the middle class people were put to difficulties, and they needed sympathy and help. Then she declared the Sale open and paid visits to different stalls. The details of Stalls and the statement account of the Sale will be published later.

GORAKHPUR BRANCH OF THE N. M. S. : U. P.

At a meeting organised by Mr. Hansraj in Oct/57 during the visit of Shri N. Bose of the N.M.S. to Gorakhpur, the following volunteered to form a local branch of the N.M.S and agreed to pay a monthly subscription as shown against them:

FORMATION MEMBERS:

1. Mr. & Mrs. Hansraj
2. Prof. M. O. Varkey
3. Prof. K. James
4. Mr. E. B. Smart
5. Mr. R. E. Herbert
6. Revd. I. U. Haq
7. Mr. V. J. Karody
8. Miss N. E. Ventura
9. Miss M. L. Treanor
10. Mr. M. C. Singh
11. Mr. R. B. P. N. Ghose

The following were elected as office bearers :—

President: PROF. M. O. VARKEY

Vice-President: Mrs. HANSRAJ

Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. E. B. SMART

Through the efforts of the President and the Secretary, 15 more members have joined.

At a meeting held in May it was decided to invite Miss Sircar, who was engaged in missionary work at Butwal (Nepal) which is close to Gorakhpur and also to invite Mr. A. V. Singh, Hon'y Organising Secy. N M.S. A few members offered to visit Butwal.

E. B. Smart.

THE CENTENARY OF POET KRISHNA PILLAI

Birth 1827 Baptism 1858 Death 1900

One hundred years ago, on 18th April, 1958, Poet Krishna Pillai was initiated into the fellowship of the followers of Jesus Christ in Tamilnad. The ceremony of baptism, administered on him on that day in St Thomas Church, Santhome, Madras, spurred him, under the spell of the Holy Spirit to bring out poetic works, in Tamil, of outstanding merit. The people of Madras are given an opportunity to celebrate the Centenary of the event of the spiritual birth of this Christian Poet under the leadership of Smt. Tara Cherian, Mayor of Madras, and the blessing of the Rt. Rev. D. Chellappa, Bishop in Madras.

Krishna Pillai was born in 1827 hailing from the upper class of the Hindu Society. In the days of his youth, he was brought up as a fanatic Vaishnavite; learned in all the lore of his ancestral religion, he became one of the bitterest opponents of the glorious Gospel of Liberty. As a matter of fact, he was, like Saul of Tarsus of the first century, leading a party of the punitive expedition 1845 to curb the growing faith of the Christian converts from the depressed classes of Nallur. It gave rise to a clash of land-lords and tenants who embraced Christian faith. The crime of the latter class was a firm stand in the personal freedom bestowed by the Gospel of Christ. Caught up by the troubled waters socio-religious turmoil, Krishna Pillai appears to have come under the unfailing spell of the creative spirit of Christ. It was a period of severe tension with divided loyalties between home and Christ. The path was strewn with tears of agony. But one night, away from home, under the twinkling stars of the sky, he surrendered his soul to Christ. He realised the grave consequences of this forward step: separation from home, boycott by wife and widowed mother. But he found joy in the unbounded ocean of the love of the Almighty God as revealed to Christ on the Cross. This exhilarating experience of the joy of salvation found expression in the first poetic verse ever composed by Poet Krishna Pillai: It is not possible to give an adequate version in English of the Tamil verse. Yet, the throb of his heart as it is surrendered to Christ, can be felt in the following:

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RECEIPTS

		Rs.	nP.		
Punjab	...	5	00		
Uttar Pradesh	...	1,105	30		
Calcutta	...	337	00		
Bihar	...	56	00		
Bombay	...	471	50		
Madhya Pradesh	...	141	00		
Rajasthan	...	5	00		
Andhra	...	297	41		
Kerala	...	178	00		
S. Kanara	...	2,352	53		
Madras & Saidapet	...	662	50		
Madras Ladies' Auxiliary	...	161	25		
North Tamil Area	...	578	77		
South Tamil Area	...	447	35		
Birthday Gifts	...	62	00		
N. M. I. & Deepikai	...	104	00		
Interest on Securities	...	349	48		
For Nepal work	...	675	00		
„ Jawadi work	...	250	00		
„ Puri Ashram	...	305	00		
From Out-side India	...	300	00		
Katteri School Grant	...	338	00		
Puram School Grant	...	1,436	40		
Field Receipts	...	281	21		
Miscellaneous	...	219	72		
Suspense	...	232	00		
	Total Rs.	...		11,351	42
	Deficit Rs.	...		3,767	45
	Total Rs.	...		15,118	87

SOCIETY OF INDIA

Expenditure from April to July 1958

EXPENDITURE

		Rs.	nP.
Puram	...	3,391	15
Katteri	...	1,585	06
Jawadi Hills	...	842	81
Puri Ashram	...	1,584	75
Headquarters	...	2,173	55
N.M.I. & Deepikai	...	975	55
N. India Organising Secretary	...	600	00
S. India „ „	...	813	23
Gospel Team	...	286	43
Nepal work	...	740	00
Hony. Genl. Secy. Tour exp.	...	57	38
„ Asst. Genl. Secy. „	...	7	75
Khristapanthi Ashram Banaras	...	300	00
Suspense	...	330	00

General:

Repairs	... 497	50	
Hon. Deputation	... 453	82	
Genl. Printing	... 62	38	
Affiliation fees	... 40	00	
* Provident Fund	... 206	50	
Miscellaneous	... 100	00	
Bank Charges	... 71	01	
		1,431	21

* P. F. interest on securities

Total Rs. ... 15,118 87

(Sd.) **J. B. Masillamani,**
Hon. Treasurer, N.M.S.

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O! Thou who art the ocean of Grace,
O! Thou, the Sun to make the deeds of
darkness vanish,
O! God Who yielded Thy precious Life on behalf
of me a slave,
Evil and mean as I am, unaware of the things
of true value,
Thou hast chosen to make me, Thy captive
O! Lord of Love-Dharma-I surrender my heart
to Thee
To abide in it from this moment onward!

His chief Poetic works are Ratchanya Manoharam and Ratchanya Yatrigam. The basis of his epic, the latter, is the tamil version of John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress but the treatment is quite original.

Such a worthy soul deserves to be remembered by the celebration of the Centenary of his Spiritual Birth.

C. P. MICHAEL.

N. M. S. WORK AT SHAHDOL (M.Pr.)

We have much cause to be thankful for the work of our team, medical and evangelistic. Some students in the local Degree College read the Bible, and a few come to our Sunday worship. The pressure for admission is very great, and patients come from Pendra Road, Kotma and even from Jubbalpur. We pray that the Lord give us a site near the rented hospital premises to provide additional accommodation. That can be our centre for a dispensary, and reading room in the crowded part of the town even when the hospital is shifted to the N.M.S. site, one mile away on the same Trunk Road.

The committee has issued an appeal for the Building Fund. The local missionaries, and Mr. Samuel of the P. W. D. from Kerala constitute the local group to carry out the building programme in stages. A barbed wire fencing around the 13 acre site is to be put up immediately and a well to be dug to meet immediate needs. For buying a site as stated above and putting up a ward for 10 inpatients thereon, and also to erect houses for our two evangelistic missionaries, and the compounder and evangelist, we need to raise Rs. 17,500/- in the year 1958–'59.

When this first stage of the building programme is completed, we need to raise Rs. 25,000/- to erect the doctor's house with accommodation for the nurses now living with the doctor in the rented premises, and also the dispensary and the wards—to serve as our hospital until the main hospital according to the original plan is erected. We are anxious to have this second stage of buildings erected in 1960, and have our hospital shifted to the N.M.S. site. —J. D. A.

NEED FOR A NURSE AT SHAHDOL (M. Pr.)

Dr. (Miss) Ramabai Gopal and the two nurses have built up a highly appreciated Christian medical service at Shahdol, and they are in urgent need of a third nurse, and our Committee has agreed to appoint a third nurse immediately. As the first two are from the A.E.L.C., we would like, if possible, the third to be from a different Church, and therefore any one in whose heart the Lord places this concern to develop our fine hospital work in Shahdol, may immediately apply to the Rev. J. D. Asirvadam, Tambaram, Madras.

Senate of Serampore College

WALTER SUTTON PAGE LINGUISTIC PRIZE

The annual examination for the above named prize will be held in early December 1958, provided a sufficient number of candidates present themselves. Any holder of the B.D. degree of Serampore College (University) whose mother tongue is a language of India, Pakistan or Ceylon and who has not already won the prize, may register.

The prescribed texts for 1958 are St. Luke Chaps. 22--23 & Epistle to the Galatians.

Candidates must register their names not later than September 30th, 1958. (Registration Fee Rs. 5/-).

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AT THE INVITATION OF THE

MAR THOMA EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION

from 10th to 14th September 1958.

N. M. S. Week of Prayer

5th to 12th October, 1958

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Prayer

We pray for power today, O Christ,
Power in the midst of weakness,
Power to forget ourselves,
Power to live for Thee, in loyal trustfulness.

Grant us eyes to see, this day,
The splendour of Thy truth, Thy love;
Beyond the sombre landscape of our world,
Show us the deathless power of Thy Cross.

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"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"
"and lo, I am with you alway,
even unto the end of the world—Amen."

SOME IMPRESSIONS OF THE N. M. S. TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE AT TIRUVALLA, KERALA STATE

10th to 14th September 1958.

Even some months before the triennium, the friends of the N. M. S. were looking forward to visiting the extreme South of India, the Kerala State where Tiruvalla is situated. It is a sacred spot of many hallowed memories and is the headquarters of the ancient Mar Thoma Church founded by St. Thomas, a disciple of our Lord.

Delegates and distinguished visitors were arriving from the four corners of India after an arduous journey, spending sleepless nights as they travelled in crowded third class compartments.

The landscape from the Kerala border, the green fields, cocoanut groves, flowing rivers and large sheets of water struck the visitors with wonder as they journeyed on to their destination.

They were met and warmly welcomed by the N. M. S. friends and officials of the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association at the station and were lodged at the Vanitha Mandiram and Bible Institute and sumptuously fed and looked after by a group of ladies experienced in the art of catering.

The sessions which lasted four days were full of spiritual addresses, devotions, Holy Communion every morning

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according to Mar Thoma Church Liturgy, C. S .I. Liturgy and the Book of Common Prayer and business meetings.

The Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church, after welcoming the delegates gave a stirring message on the story of Nathaniel and the Challenge of the Christian Church to Modern India to "Come and See". The intercessions each day were led by a Bishop ; and many Achans and visitors of the local churches evinced great interest in the sessions by their attendance, the Rt. Rev. Mathews Mar Athanasius preaching a very inspiring sermon.

Bishop Jebaraj of Tirunelveli was present throughout and read an interesting paper on the Missionary work of the C. S. I. Fraternal greetings were conveyed by the representatives of the N.C.C. C.S.I., I.M.S.T. and Student Christian Movement.

The delegates were entertained at a public reception held at Memorial Hall to which the elite of the Christian public were invited, and appreciative addresses were given in the Mar Thoma Church about the good work of the N.M.S.

A boat trip to an island nearby was arranged one evening, and on the next the delegates were taken to some of the neighbouring churches. The visit to the oldest church, a thousand years old in Chenganoor, was most interesting.

On Sunday, the 14th the delegates were given an opportunity to address the large congregations in 15 places on the Message of the N. M. S., and later they were entertained at dinner at the parishes.

On the whole, there was an atmosphere of fellowship, spiritual uplift and an yearning to go forward in missionary enterprise. The presence of the Holy Spirit was moving the hearts of people to carry on 'the Task' with redoubled energy in the coming days. The delegates thanked God for such an opportunity for listening to the great challenge—the missionary obligation of the N. M. S. and the church in this generation in our country.

On behalf of the N. M. S., we convey our grateful thanks to the leaders and members of the Mar Thoma Church and Evangelistic Association for their generous hospitality, for affording an opportunity for fellowship and for seeing their beautiful country.

S. D.

A BRIEF REPORT OF THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA FOR THE TRIENNIUM 1955—1958

We are assembled here for the first time after the celebration of the Golden Jubilee in Calcutta and Serampore where the Society was born in 1905. We are very fortunate and blessed to be invited by the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association to this beautiful and charming land of ancient culture and civilisation into which the seed of Christianity was first sown in India, centuries ago by an apostle of Jesus Christ.

Our hearts are filled with praise and thanksgiving to God Almighty for His mercy and continued blessing in spite of our unworthiness. We confess that our efforts have been inadequate, our prayers languid and our faith dim to take up the challenge and demands made from time to time to press forward the aims and objects of the Society.

During the period under review, many changes had taken place. Mr. S. J. Duraisamy, who served the Society with great zeal and interest as the General Secretary for 16 years handed over his office to Miss Komolini Sircar on 1st April 1956, and assisted her as Hon. Asst. General Secretary for six months. He then retired on 1st October shattered in health due to chronic asthma to be admitted into Santhoshapuram Sanatorium near Tambaram where he passed away peacefully on 31st October 1957. He served the Society and his Master faithfully unto the end.

Miss K. Sircar started her work with zest and prowess and with determination to wipe off the large debt under which the Society was labouring. She, along with friends like Mr. C.P. Michael and others, visited many homes in the city of Madras to arouse interest among the Christians and enlist their financial support. She worked hard for six months and cast her mantle upon me when I least expected it on 1st October 1956, after the Executive Committee made its decision in Nagpur at its meeting held in September 1956. Miss Sircar chose to continue as Hon. Asst. Gen. Secretary till the call came to her to proceed to Nepal in October 1957. Mr. S. Devaprasad, who had served the N.M.S

with keen interest in various capacities as honorary worker, succeeded Miss Sircar as Hon. Associate General Secretary.

During this period, the Society was also deprived of the services of another stalwart, Dr. A. Ralla Ram, whose death in April 1957 came as a shock to all. He was a good counsellor, an able administrator and sincere friend of the N.M.S. and our area secretary for many years.

We are proud and happy that one of our Executive Committee members, the Rev. M. M. John was consecrated as the Bishop in Central Travancore on 6th August 1958. Mr. Gnanasundaramani was ordained as deacon in December 1957. We wish them God's blessings in their new sphere of work.

After the Golden Jubilee Celebrations the Society was left with only two fields to manage, namely Puram and Katteri in N. Arcot district, Madras State. Mrs. R. Chellasamy, who joined the Women's Fellowship at Puram along with Miss Jeyamani Taylor retired in October 1956 after 31 years of faithful and devoted service. Mr. S. Gnanasundaramani was appointed in her place as missionary in charge of Puram centre.

With the death of Miss Jeyamani Taylor and retirement of Mrs. R. Chellasamy, there were no women workers left and the Women's Fellowship came to an end. After some efforts by Miss Sircar, a small fellowship group was formed with three women in December but it did not last long due to want of understanding and fellowship among the members. In this connection, a word must be mentioned about the praiseworthy work of the Women's Auxiliary of Madras. The Annual N.M.S. Sale organised by the Auxiliary is warmly supported by the Christians of Madras and fetched on an average Rs. 2400 per year. This money along with other donations and gifts of the Women's Auxiliary maintained the Health Clinic at Puram. The Society is indebted to Dr. Mrs. Thambiah, President, Miss Stephen, Secretary and members of the Working Committee and other friends.

The Executive Committee which met at Nagpur from 28th to 30th September 1956 constituted two commissions carefully to study the situation relating to all N.M.S. fields and advise them as to which of the fields should be retained

and developed and which might be integrated with the Church in whose bounds they are situated or relinquished; and also advise the committee as to new fields in strategic areas where the N.M.S. may undertake its mission. The commissions were also directed to take into consideration all assets and liabilities of the Society in order that the remaining indebtedness may be liquidated as speedily as possible.

As the results of the findings of the commissions, the most notable achievements made was the opening of three new fields in the different parts of India, namely:

1. Work on Jawadi Hills, N. Arcot district, Madras State:

It was due to the foresight, vision and evangelistic zeal of the Christukula Ashram Brothers that a village named Kuttathur was chosen on Jawadi Hills as the centre of our activities. This place is 42 miles from Tirupattur and is reached partly by public transport for 20 miles and partly by foot. During fair weather, lorries of timber contractors ply up and down the hills transporting bamboos, sandal-wood, timber etc. from the forest hilly areas. Due to the kindness of Mr. Venugopal, D F.O., the huts vacated by the school supported by the Forest Department, were made available to our evangelists.

The work on the hills was started in July 1957 with four evangelists on fellowship basis with the understanding that each worker will be paid an allowance of Rs.50 and more if the workers have larger dependents to support.

The evangelists started well, after some training at the Christukula Ashram. Villages nearby were visited and the Gospel was preached to them. Kalakshepams were also conducted. A school was opened with twelve children from Kuttathur village. Mr. Vedanayagam Ezekiel possessing musical talents composed songs and taught children to sing them. Medical aid was also given for minor ailments with the help of Dr. Raja Savarirayan. As the two younger members of the followship group had difference of opinion with the leader, one of them was posted to Katteri to work with Rev. R. Gnanadikam and the other resigned.

Mr. & Mrs. Vedanayagam continued to work on the hills. They became popular with the villagers. After some time they felt lonely and due to ill health of Mrs. Vedanayagam Ezekiel, they were obliged to leave Kuttathur after ten months service. In their place, Mr. & Mrs. P.R. Samuel were appointed to work on the hills. Mr. George assisted Rev. R. Gnanadikam for 5 months and resigned to continue his studies.

The Jawadi Hills has 75 villages with a total population of 10,000 people and this area is completely cut off from the civilised world. It affords good opportunity to carry out preaching, teaching, medical and economic uplift work among the hilly people. The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few. The work on Jawadi Hills received warm support from many friends The Rt. Rev. A.J. Appasamy, Bishop in Coimbatore, gave us words of encouragement and donated Rs. 200/- Mr. G.V. Butt of Hyderabad Rs. 120/-, Mr. A. Gunamani of Trivandram Rs. 100/- Mr. K.B. Victor of Bahrein, Persian Gulf and the N.M.S. Branch at Trivandram paid Rs. 60/- each every month for the support of the evangelists. The Fellowship Hospital at Nandgaon has also donated Rs. 150/-.

The work on the Jawadi Hills should be strengthened by prayers, gifts and voluntary service as the place is an unevangelised area and many souls could be brought to the feet of the Master. I take this opportunity to appeal to members and friends to collect funds for the establishment of an out-patient clinic at Kuttathur which will be a real boon to these people.

The commission on Puram also recommended expansion of work in the villages situated within a radius of 10 miles from Christukula Ashram by appointing several evangelists cum teachers. With the help of the Ashram brothers a good harvest can be reaped in this area.

2. Work in Butwol, Nepal State :

A small sub-committee consisting of Miss Sircar, Dr. A. Ralla Ram and Mr. A. V. Singh visited Nepal twice and selected Butwol town, at the foot of the hills as a suitable centre to start work. This place is 18 miles within Nepal State from the Indian outpost.

Mr. K. Sircar, a devoted and earnest honorary missionary of N.M.S. reached Butwol in October 1957 and was fortunate to secure a part of the house belonging to one of the Ranas of Nepal. She was later on joined by Mr. & Mrs. Sam John, who also offered to serve on a voluntary basis. Mr. & Mrs. Sam John were obliged to leave the place within a short time as Mr. Sam John was down with influenza which was spreading all over the country in an epidemic form. Mr. M. Mathai, a young and enthusiastic Syrian Christian joined with Miss Sircar two months later after undergoing some training in Sihora Ashram. Mr. K. S. Eapen also helped Mr. Mathai when Miss Sircar came to Allahabad for treatment.

Our missionaries in Butwol are learning the local language. They visit some houses and pass on the message of the glorious Gospel of salvation through word, deed and distribution of portions of the special copies of the Scripture and Gospels. Miss Sircar has given an interesting report of a Rana who after having read the Sermon on the Mount confessed that he accepts Jesus as his Saviour. He was sent to Sat Tal Ashram, but as he fell ill on the way he had to get back home. She hopes that he will join the fellowship group and be a Christian.

Mr. M. M. Mathai fell ill and was treated at one of the Mission hospitals. After his recovery, he went to his home in Kerala to recoup his health. He has joined Miss Sircar and is interested in his work. A full report of Miss K. Sircar is printed in Appendix I.

The work in Butwol needs the prayers and support of members and friends.

3. Ishapanthi Ashram, Puri, Orissa State :

This ashram was founded by the late Rev. B. C. Sircar in 1924 for "research work in spiritual truths" and stands on a lovely spot on the shores of the Bay of Bengal about 2 miles from Puri railway station occupying 6 acres of land with two structures and a chapel.

After the death of the Rev. B. C. Sircar, the ashram was left in the trusteeship of the National Council of Y.M.CA.'s, Calcutta. The ashram was handed over to the N. M. S. in November 1957. Mr. & Mrs. Sam John of Allahabad accepted our invitation and took over the management of the

ashram in February 1958. They found that the buildings especially the guest house was in a bad condition and needed immediate repairs. On an appeal made to the Poona branch of N. M. S. during the visit of the Gen. Secretary, the Poona branch under the presidentship of Mrs. G. S. Krishnayya very graciously came forward to raise Rs. 1000/- for the repairs etc. of Puri ashram. This amount was sent in a short period and repairs to the extent of Rs. 1500/- were carried out under the personal supervision of Mr. & Mrs. Sam John.

When the Gospel Team visited Puri, Rev. Benjamin Pradhan, District Superintendent, Baptist Church, Cuttack, was camping in Puri. He kindly proposed that the Reading Room belonging to the Baptist Church at Puri should be reopened by the joint effort of the N. M. S. and the local members of the Church. The suggestion was welcomed. The Reading Room occupies a strategic position as it is very near the Jagannath Temple and many can hear and read the Word of God.

The reading room was reopened when the Rev. R. C. Dass visited Puri along with Messrs. Harripeni Jennah, Ishananda Paul and Rabindernath Kumar in May. They stayed in the Ashram for two months carrying out an evangelistic campaign in Puri.

Mr. & Mrs. Sam John are our honorary workers. In spite of hardship, loneliness and other inconveniences they have bravely withstood them and are contributing their service to God in their retired life when they could have lived a comfortable life with their children who are well placed. Our thanks are due to them and to the Rev. R. C. Dass and other workers. Mr. Ishananda Paul is willing to offer his services as a permanent member of the ashram. He will be paid an allowance of Rs. 50/-per month.

Puri is a place of pilgrimage. Hundreds of people from all over India visit the temple daily. Oriya, Bengali, Hindi, Hindustani, Telugu and Tamil are spoken in this place It is understood that there are more than 10000 Telugu-knowing people who are mostly rickshaw drivers. Work among the Telugus by appointing a Telugu evangelist will bear much fruit by winning them to Christ.

N. M. S. Fields in North Kanara, Mysore State managed by the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association.

The special commission appointed to study the work in N. Kanara visited the fields in November 1956 and the commission was of strong opinion that the dual administration in these fields must no longer exist. Representatives of N. M. S. and M. T. E. A. met in Tiruvalla in June 1957 under the chairmanship of the Most Rev. Juhanan Mar Thoma, Metropolitan and recommended that the fields in N. Kanara should be entirely supervised either by the N. M. S. or M. T. E. A.

The executive of N.M.S. then agreed to hand over the fields to the M.T.E.A. This recommendation was accepted by the executive of M. T. E. A. Accordingly the fields were handed to M. T. E A. on 1st April 1958 with provisions made regarding ownership of property etc. The M.T.E.A. and N. M. S. have always worked in close co-operation and understanding and we are grateful to their Missionary Bishop, the Rt Rev. Alexander Mar Theophilus, who always lent a helping hand whenever it was required. His visits to Miss K. Sircar at Butwol and Dr. Miss Ramabai Gopal at Shadol brought them cheer and inspiration.

N. M. S. Press: The N. M S. Press was always a great liability to the Society. In spite of the society paying for every little printing work done by the press, it was a constant drain on the purse of the Society which had to advance sums upto Rs. 2000/-per year without recovering the money lent for the purchase and remoulding of types, repairs etc.

The Commission recommended that the press should be leased out on Rs. 150/- per month with proper safeguards pertaining to the property etc. The press was leased out on 1st September 1957.

Before the management was handed over the former manager of the press left a debt of more than Rs. 3000/- which was cleared by the Society. From now onwards we hope that the money realised on the lease will be saved for the future development of the press. See Appendix II.

Gen. Secretary's residential quarters : After the retirement of Mr. S. J. Duraisamy, the house was given out on a monthly rent of Rs. 50/- from 1st January 1957.

N.M.S. Guest Rooms : These rooms are well-furnished and comfortable, but they are not widely used by Christians visiting Madras though advertisements are made regularly in the *M. N. I.* At present, the society has to incur an extra expenditure over the income.

Head Office : Mr. S. Devaprasad, Hon. Asst. Gen. Secretary is in charge of the office. He is able to give time regularly to the office routine and other matters of the Society. The office has a clerk and an accountant and two peons. One of them collects monthly subscriptions of Madras branches. There is also one watchman. One junior clerk who was appointed temporarily was retrenched after the expiry of his term of service and thus a saving was made.

N. M. S. Journals : The Society is publishing two magazines, *N.M.I* in English and *Deepikai* in Tamil. 1400 copies of *N.M.I.* and 400 copies of *Deepikai* are circulated. The annual subscription is one rupee. A sum of Rs. 2500/- is spent annually on the publication of these journals and only about Rs. 250 or less are collected as subscription. The *N.M.I.* is edited by Mr. S. Devaprasad and there is no editorial board at present. The *Deepikai* is edited by the Rev. Arul Thangiah with Mr. C.P. Michael as asst. editor. The journals give information about the activities of the society and the work of the officers and organising secretaries and the fields. The editors will be glad to receive useful articles from members and friends for publication. The Standing Committee also decided to publish reports of other missionary societies which will be useful to members and friends.

Work among the Churches : An appeal drafted by the Rev. J. D. Asirvadam and General Secretary, N.M.S. was printed and sent to all the Bishops, heads of institutions as per resolution No. 12 of the All India Council meeting held in Calcutta in 1955 concerning the relation of N.M.S. to the Churches. The response to the appeal was very poor.

The Hon. General Secretary, the Hon. Associate General Secretary, Area Secretaries, Organising Secretaries, Missionaries and Members of the Executive Committee like Mr. C.P. Michael, Mr. Balasingam Satya and the Rev. J. D. Asirvadam visited the fields and churches in many parts of India. Miss K. Sircar, Dr. A. C. Abraham and Mr. S. Balasingam Satya as members of the Commission visited N. Kanara District Fields which are worked by missionaries of the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association. They visited Ankola, Karwar, Kumta, Honavar and village schools in Haldipur, Aligadde, etc. Miss K. Sircar, Dr. A.C. Abraham and Mr. C P. Michael as members of another Commission visited Puram and Katteri fields.

The Hon. General Secretary, along with the Rev. J. D. Asirvadam visited Tezpur and Shillong in Assam and conveyed the greetings of the N.M.S. to Assam Christian Council in 1957.

The General Secretary, Mr. Balasingam Satya, as representatives of N.M.S. Executive visited Tiruvalla for consultation with representatives of M.T.E.A. regarding the fields in N. Kanara district and also spoke in two churches. They then visited Trivandrum, Nagercoil, Kanya Kumari and Courtallam Miss K. Sircar as the Hon. Associate Secretary visited Tiruvalla in December 1956 and the General Secretary attended the Maramann Convention in 1958 and gave an address at the missionary meeting.

The General Secretary conveyed the greetings of N.M.S. when the St. Thomas High School at Honavar celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 1957.

He also visited Bombay, Poona, Puri, Calcutta and the fields at Katteri, Puram and Jawadi Hills regularly. As the leader of the Gospel Team he visited many branches in U.P. and M.P. He also went to Butwal along with Mr. C.P. Michael and Mr. A. V. Singh.

Miss K. Sircar visited Tiruvalla, Manganam, Belgaum, Poona branches. Mr. S. Devaprasad visited the fields at Katteri, Puram and Jawadi Hills.

The Organising Secretaries Miss E. L. Joshua and Mr. A.V. Singh visited many branches in their jurisdiction

(See Appendix No. II-a) and organised new branches and reorganised old ones.

Miss M.M. Singh, Area Secretary, U.P., visited many branches (See Appendix III) and created lively interest. She very ably arranged the tour of the N.M.S. Gospel Team in N. India and raised good support for the Society.

Mr. J. Amoda visited many places in his area and spent on an average 100 or more days every year and collected Rs. 2000/- and more.

Rev. R. Gnanadikam and Rev. S. Gnanasundaramany spoke in different churches on request conveying N.M.S. message.

N.M.S. Gospel Teams: Two teams were organised and reports were published in detail in the *N.M.I.* The N.M.S. Gospel Team to N. India consisting of Dr. S. Jesudason, Mr. C.P. Michael and the General Secretary along with Miss M. M. Singh and Mr. A. V. Singh visited about 12 important cities in U. P. and M. P. Mr. Balasingam Satya accompanied the team to Delhi and Meerut during the absence of Dr. S. Jesudason. The second team with Rev. R. C. Das, Mr. C. P. Michael and General Secretary visited Calcutta, Puri and Cuttack. The Gospel Teams renewed fellowship and revived the interest for the Society. They were of great spiritual benefit to Christians in general. The Gospel Teams serve as a good link between the head office and the branches and as the best means of declaring the missionary obligation of the Society. Such teams must be encouraged and younger men must volunteer to enlist as members of the team.

The Hon. General Secretary represented the Society at the Synod of the C.S.I. and the Synod Board of Missions of C.S.I. and Miss E.L. Joshua represented the Society at the S.C.M. Conference at Guntur and Mr. C.P. Michael at the Tambaram Tamil Christian Conference and Mr. Balasingam Satya at the Madras Diocesan Council.

Hon. Organising Secretaries: The Executive Committee has appointed honorary Organising Secretaries for the different regions and areas. I have not received any communication from them to say whether or not they have been functioning. These appointments must be carefully considered.

N.M.S. Week of Prayer: Every year Call to Prayer is printed in English and translated into three or four local languages and sent out to the branches and Presbyters of Churches throughout India.

There is no record to show how many churches observe the N.M.S. Sunday. The amount spent on printing and postage of the N.M.S. Call to Prayer is about Rs. 500/- per year and the offertories received on that day is Rs. 1000/-.

Rural Christian Service Fellowship Camps:

These were held in every summer in different places like Kodumudi, Thondi, Jeya Puram, Madurantakam, Sholinghur and were led by Miss K. Sircar, Mr. C. P. Michael, Miss E. L. Joshua, Rev. R. Gnanadikam, Rev. S. Gnanasundaramani, Rev. C. S. Vedakan and Tirupattur Ashram Brothers. In these camps time was set apart for retreats, Bible Studies and Fellowship meetings when Christian experiences were shared. Outdoor work consisted of distribution of tracts, selling Gospel portions, open-air preaching and personal talks, bhajans, magic lantern shows etc. Social service programme was also included to clear up "cheries", slums etc. The camps served as good centres for youth leaders.

It is desirable that these camps are held during Michaelmas holidays when more students are likely to attend.

Finance:

The branches realised their responsibilities and increased their support to meet the new commitments undertaken by the Society due to the opening of three new fields. Contributions to the new fields were earmarked. The income and expenditure were almost the same.

After the retirement of Rev. Abdul Huq, Organising Secretary, North India, Mr. A.V. Singh was appointed in his place on Rs. 150/- per month. This effected a saving of Rs. 190/- per month.

While there was a saving on the salary of the General Secretary, there was an increased expenditure on travelling.

During the period under review, Rs. 4000/- was paid to Mrs. R. Chellasamy as compensation for buildings purchased

from her for the school in Puram. The Society also paid Rs. 2300/- from its funds to settle unpaid bills left over by the former manager of the press besides advancing Rs. 2122/- for purchase of new types and remoulding of old types.

As the secretary's quarters was badly in need of repairs, a sum of Rs. 2500/- was spent on re-roofing it. Every effort has been made to pay the salary of the staff regularly month by month.

The debt which stood at Rs. 33,926/- on 1st April 1956 has come down and stands at Rs. 8884/- today.

The Society is deeply indebted to Mr. J. B. Masillamani, Hon. Treasurer for his faithful stewardship and watchful care on the expenditure in particular. It would be a great joy and relief not only to him but to everyone of us if this debt could be completely cleared before the end of the financial year.

Recommendation :

After serving the Society for nearly two years, I make bold to put forth the following recommendations for the serious consideration of the council.

1. That the present constitution be revised and regulations and bye-laws be added to it.

2. That a commission or committee be appointed to go into details with regard to the working of the Society, its administration, financial commitments, policy of opening new fields, retaining or relinquishing old fields, framing rules for fellowship groups, formation of area committees etc.

3. That affiliated bodies may be requested to find travel expenses for their delegates who attend the council meetings.

4. That each member of the council be requested to raise a minimum sum of Rs. 100/-. so that the present debt be cleared.

5. That the Council consider the advisability to have life members who pay a sum of Rs. 100/- each.

Conclusion :

It is my privilege and duty to express my thanks to the President Bishop S.K. Mondol and the Executive Committee,

to the Chairman - Dr. G. Zachariah and the Standing Committee for all the assistance and encouragement they have given me in my work.

I am deeply indebted to Mr. S. Devaprasad, Hon. Associate General Secretary and Mr. J.B. Masillamani, Hon. General Treasurer for their co-operation and help in the day to day work and also to the office staff.

Messrs. Balasingam Satya and C.P. Michael, Dr. S. Jesudason and Rev. J.D. Asirvadam graciously came to my help whenever they were approached and I thank them.

The Ashram Brothers Dr. Raja Savariroyan, Messrs. Victor Royappa and Jeya David have been of immense help to us in more than one way.

I am grateful to all the hosts and hostesses for their hospitality and kindness shown to me and the Gospel Team.

Finally, I thank the Area Secretaries, Organising Secretaries, Officers of the Branches, the missionaries and school staff, the nursing staff and the many friends for their prayers, gifts and words of cheer and comfort.

The Society has still a great opportunity to preach the word of God in the unevangelised areas of our country. "Where there is no vision the people perish" says the proverbs.

We are very grateful to the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association for inviting us to hold the council in Tiruvalla and for their generosity and hospitality. We wish the Association God's blessing upon their work.

While we give thanks to God for all the departed souls that kept the torch of the society burning, may we rededicate ourselves to His service and work for the progress of the Society.

> "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us.
>
> Unto him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. —Amen."

A. C. ABRAHAM,
Hon. Gen. Secretary.

10th September 1958.

FINANCES OF THE N. M. S.

Receipts :

Including ear-marked contributions for our work in Nepal, Jawadi Hills, Puri Ashram and Puram Fellowship, the gross receipts for the last three years are as follows :—

1955—56	..	Rs. 51,455
1956—57	..	47,524
1957—58	..	46,550

Expenditure :

In maintaining our fields and other activities, we have tried to keep down our expenditure as low as possible by careful planning and by strictly adhering to the budget. During 1956-57 and 1957-58, we have spent Rs. 6,529/-on our newly-started work in Nepal, Jawadi Hills, Puri Ashram and Puram Fellowship. The ear-marked contributions for these fields during 1956-57 and 1957-58 amounted to Rs. 6,850/-. The gross expenditure for the last three years is as follows :—

1955—56	..	Rs. 47,634
1956—57	..	37,177
1957—58	..	46,235

N. B:—The decrease in expenditure during 1956-57 is due to the appointment of Hon. General Secretary and Hon. Associate General Secretary and to the post of N. India Organising Secretary being kept vacant.

Debt position :

During the three years under review, we have repaid the following debts :—

Debt to Provident Fund a/c	..	Rs. 8,426-3-0
Debt to Special Fund a/c	..	2,000-0-0
Reduction of overdraft from Rs. 23,500/- to Rs. 8,884/-	..	14,616-0-0
Compensation to Puram properties	..	4,000-0-0
Total Rs.		29,042-3-0

N. M. S. Press :

The press was leased out from May 1957. Since then we have paid outstanding bills amounting to Rs. 3,687/- on account of types etc., from the rent and the arrears of bills collected. A sum of Rs. 2,122/75 is still due to the General Fund on account of advances made to the press in previous years.

N. M. S. Quarters :

The monthly rent of Rs. 50/- is credited to our debt clearing account. The balance to the credit of this account this day is Rs. 367/45.

N. M. S. Guest Rooms :

The guest rooms are rented to friends and visitors at the rate of Rs. 2/8/- per day. The rent collected is utilised for the maintenance of these rooms.

(Sd.) J. B. MASILLAMANI,
Hon. Treasurer.
30-8-1958.

Receipts

	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
E. Punjab ..	770	215	90
U. P. ..	4247	5099	4942
Delhi ..	65	50	994
Calcutta & Bengal ..	553	1102	746
Assam ..	118	151	154
Bihar ..	383	776	526
Orissa ..	260	25	5
M. Bharath ..	168	48	25
Rajasthan ..	137	102	126
Bombay ..	2935	2183	2274
M. Pradesh ..	513	547	529
Hyderabad & Andhra ..	2286	1989	833
Kerala ..	399	57	1118
S. Kanara & Malabar ..	3465	4510	4413
Madras & Saidapet ..	2383	2495	2010
Ladies Auxiliary ..	2482	3435	2874
Puram School Grant ..	4775	3755	5645
,, Field Receipts ..	615	711	1208
N. Tamil Area ..	2402	1506	1750
Katteri School Grant ..	1035	1454	1619
S. Tamil Area ..	3852	3666	3592
Foreign-outside India ..	241	590	334
Anonymous ..	1000	2473	1456
Birthday Gifts ..	260	298	308
N. M. I. & Deepikai ..	190	539	384
Miscellaneous ..	1267	503	690
For Nepal work ..	—	2120	1720
,, Jawadi ,, ..	—	50	1690
,, Womens Fellowship ..	—	—	745
,, Puri Ashram ..	—	—	525
Earmarked Receipts ..	*14654	7075	3225
Total ..	51455	47524	46550

* including Golden Jubilee special collection

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Expenditure

	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Katteri	4191	4323	4696
Puram	8570	10230	10023
Compensation to Mrs. Chellasamy ..	—	500	3500
All India			
General Secretary ..	3339	911	1060
Associate General Secretary	—	250	284
Organising Secretary, South India ..	2223	2577	2742
,, North India ..	3400	75	1467
Dptn. Mr. G. S. Mani ..	2139	—	—
Retirement allowance ..	—	1200	800
Executive Committee ..	—	1133	2805
All India Council & Golden Jubilee ..	9262	—	—
All India General ..	*3490	3231	4317
N.M.I. & Deepikai ..	3882	3314	2817
Headquarters ..	5281	5513	4724
,, Postage, Stationary, repairs etc. ..	1857	3320	1071
Nepal work ..	—	600	1605
Jawadi ..	—	—	2339
Women's Fellowship ..	—	—	704
Puri Ashram ..	—	—	1281
	47634	37177	46235
*Hony. Deputation ..	783	860	1216
Audit Fees ..	125	125	125
Bank charges & interest on overdraft ..	774	687	645
Property Tax ..	151	151	151
Membership Fees ..	20	20	130
General Printing .	399	435	396
N M.S. Sunday printing ..	444	410	413
Miscellaneous ..	794	543	463
Gospel Team ..	—	—	678
N.C.C. ...	—	—	100
	3490	3231	4317

Debt position of the Society

	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
In October 1955						
(1) Overdraft ..	23,500	0	0			
(2) Provident Fund ..	8426	3	0			
(3) Special Fund ..	2000	0	0			
				33926	3	0
Refunded upto 31-8-58						
To Special Fund ..	2000	0	0			
,, Provident Fund ..	8426	3	0			
,, Overdraft a/c ..	14616	0	0			
				25042	3	0
Balance overdraft on 31-8-58				8884	0	0

Note :—In addition to the above debts cleared, a sum of Rs. 4000/- being the compensation to Puram properties was paid to Mrs. Challasamy during 1956–57 and 1957–58.

N. M. S. Press a/c.

Receipts :

Opening Balance (when the press was leased) ..	347	58 nP.		
Turn-over & arrears collected till August 58 ..	1043	69 nP.		
Lease amount & advance ..	2800	00 nP.		
			4191	27 nP.
Expenditure :				
Sundry Bills paid 1223-81				
Type Foundry arrears paid 2463-45	3687	26 nP.		
* Closing cash balance (bank) ..	504	01 nP.		
			4191	27 nP.
N.M.S. House Rent collected upto August 1958 ..	975	00 nP		
Expenses: amount spent on repairs ..	497	50 nP.		

* *Note :*—A sum of Rs. 2122/75 is still due to the N. M. S. General Fund towards advances paid to the press from time to time in the past.

N. M. S. Week of Prayer

5th to 12th October, 1958

DAY OF PRAYER

12th October, 1958

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

11th October, 1958

Senate of Serampore College

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The annual examination for the above named prize will be held in early December 1958, provided a sufficient number of candidates present themselves. Any holder of the B.D. degree of Serampore College (University) whose mother tongue is a language of India, Pakistan or Ceylon and who has not already won the prize, may register.

The prescribed texts for 1958 are St. Luke Chaps. 22--23 & Epistle to the Galatians.

Candidates must register their names not later than September 30th, 1958. (Registration Fee Rs. 5/-).

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Those who have not sent their annual subscription for the N. M. S. for 1958 are requested to send it before the end of this year.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

At the All India Council Meeting of the N.M.S., held at Tiruvalla in September this year it was decided to enrol life members for the Society. The fee for a life member is Rs. 100/-. The amount realised will be set apart as a Reserve Fund and will not be utilised for current expenses. It is hoped that many will become life members.

The following have enrolled themselves as life members :-

Mr. A, V. Mammen, Tiruvalla
Sevika Samajam, ,,
The Rt. Rev. S. K. Mondol, Delhi
Mrs. S. K. Mondol ,,

TRANSLATION OF NEW TESTAMENT by the late Rev. N. Gnanaprakasam.

Sirs,

A perusal of the New Testament in Tamil, a new translation by the late Rev. N. Gnanaprakasam will convince any Greek student in the Tamil Nad of its worth that can well be compared to the Greek New Testament, a standard text, published by Westcott and Hort. Requisitions have been made by friends all round to get the book reprinted as the stock has run short. Before undertaking the task, I wish to ascertain through the N. M. S. Magazine the approximate number of copies that may be required by the Tamil Christians in S. India. Will the missionaries and other Leaders kindly take note of this and inform me of their support?

Yours faithfully,
E. GNANAPRAKASAM.

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"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"
"and lo, I am with you alway,
even unto the end of the world—Amen."

PRAYER TOPICS.

Let us pray for

Miss. K. Sircar who is at present at Allahabad, weak and recovering from ill-health;

Mr. M. M. Mathai who is left alone to carry on the work single-handed at Butwol;

Mr. & Mrs. P. R. Samuel who are carrying on God's work on Jawadi Hills that God may send another couple to join them;

The newly constituted Members of the Executive Committee and the Standing Committee;

Friends and supporters of the Society in Madras city and elsewhere that they may be more interested in the activities of the Society.

For grace to the missionaries and workers of the Society to carry on in spite of their ill-health, discouragements and criticisms.

NOTE.—When articles in the NATIONAL MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER are an expression of the policy or view of the Society as represented by its All India Council or Executive Committee, this fact will be made clear. In all other instances the writer of the paper is responsible for the opinion expressed. The Editorial notes, if any, present the opinion of the Editor alone.—S. D.

NEWS FROM BENGAL

Readers will probably remember that in October 1955, the Golden Jubilee of the N.M.S. was celebrated in Calcutta at the Diocesan Girls' School and that delegates from all parts of India and from Haluaghat in East Pakistan, assembled in this city. During the celebration, a pilgrimage was made to Serampore where, in 1905, the Society was founded. Martyn's pagoda was visited and those present followed the example of the founders, 50 years previously in dedicating themselves to the cause of evangelisation of India on an undenominational and ecumenical basis, principles which govern the activities of the Society-

During the intervening years since the foundation of the Society, St. Andrew's Mission of Haluaghat, Mymensingh District was the only piece of evangelistic work which was being done in Bengal in affiliation with the Society. With the partition of Bengal into East Pakistan and West Bengal, the need has arisen with some urgency for a fresh emphasis on the claims of the National Missionary Society in the province of its birth.

A small Committee, known as the West Bengal Committee, has been in existence since a short time before the Golden Jubilee in 1955 but its activities had been confined to the collection of monthly subscriptions from a small group of people.

In order to consider afresh the claims of the N.M.S., a public meeting of Calcutta Christians was convened at the Y,M.C.A., 25 Chowringhee on Thursday, 2nd October, 1958 at 10 A.M., when, after a period of devotional music and singing and of intercession, an address outlining the function and appeal of the N.M.S. was delivered by Rev. C. E. Abraham, Principal of Serampore College.

A Committee was then elected and the West Bengal Branch of the Society constituted. The Committee is an interim Committee consisting of a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and five members. The intention is that when basic rules for the conduct of the Branch have been formulated by this Committee, it will be replaced by another Committee, by election.

Readers will be interested to learn that the late Rev. B. C. Sircar's Ishapanthi Ashram at Puri has recently been taken over by the N.M.S. and that work has been started in Nepal. N. K. Bose.

Report from Mr. & Mrs. P. R. Samuel, Evangelists, Jawadi Hills, North Arcot Dt.

We took up work in the N. M. S. on 1st August, 1958. Rev. R. Gnanadikam gave us a very warm welcome and took us to Timmampet, Pachur and Samalpatti Shandy where we gave God's message and distributed Tracts. We had the pleasure of staying at the Christu-kula Ashram for three days.

Rev. R. Gnanadikam introduced us to a number of secret believers of our Lord of whom a Brahmin young man was baptised in August and three others joined the Church in September.

Brother Victor of the Ashram was good enough to take us to Jawadi Hills where we reached on September 5. It took nearly a week for the hut to be repaired, after which we got settled. We are grateful to the officers of the Forest Department, A.V. K. & Sons., and specially the Ashram Brothers for all their valuable help.

We visited Kuttathoor, Kalyana Manthai, Velichanur etc. where Mr. & Mrs. Vedanayagam had preached the Gospel to the people. Our daily programme is we visit the villagers at 7 O' clock in the morning and return home at 10. Then we teach the children, about 15 in number for about three hours. Late in the evening, about 12 adults are taught to read and write and stories, especially from the Gospel, are narrated to them.

Our needs: We need a gramaphone and religious records which would attract the people there. With God's help and the help of Christian friends on the plains, we hope that our services to the villagers would bear fruit in the course of time and we ask your prayers.

N. M. S. BRANCH, JABALPUR M.P.

The N.M.S Branch, Jabalpur, was formally established on 12—4—'58, but actually it started functioning from 1—7—1958.

2. N.M.S. Prayer Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. Places for these Prayer Meetings and also Leaders are decided by the Executive Committee of the Branch. Notices are sent out to all local Churches (about 10 in number) for announcement, and invitation is extended to all friends and well-wishers of the N. M. S. to attend these Prayer Meetings. The Prayer Meeting for this month is being held on Monday the 8th Sept. at 6-30 p.m. at the Christ Church, Jabalpur, when the Rev. Canon J. E. Robinson, Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church, will be the Leader. Special prayers will be offered for the All India Council shortly being held at Tiruvalla.

3. Monthly subscriptions are raised by our Collectors appointed for 7 or 8 areas of the town, and handed-over to the Treasurer by the 20th of the month so that he is in a position to remit the total amount to the Central Treasurer by the end of the month.

4. For July and August '58 a sum of Rs. 112/- was remitted to the Central Treasurer as our monthly contributions and Rs 2/- for copies of the N.M.I. for two of our members.

5. All Churches and their Priests-in-Charge are associated with our work and their good-will and co-operation is sought in all our activities.

6. There is a tentative plan in hand to observe the N.M.S. Week of Prayer from Sunday the 5th October to Sunday the 12th October; to have prayers offered and a brief history of the N. M. S. given in all Churches on Sunday the 5th, and then Cottage Prayer Meetings at various Christian homes of interested friends throughout the week; the Week of Prayer to be concluded by a combined open-air worship for all Churches on Sunday, the 12th October. A short write-up is also being made ready for distribution to all the Christian friends through the various Churches.

8. Effort is being made by the Members of the Executive Committee to establish personal contacts and enlist the good-will and support of all friends and well-wishers of the N.M.S.

A. K. SUNWANI,
Secretary.

REPORT FROM
Mr. A. V. SINGH, ORGANISING SECRETARY, N. INDIA

I visited the following stations—Sat Tal, Bhowali, Naini Tal, Ranikhet, Dwarahat, Almora, Ramgarh and Mukhteshwar and I give below a very brief report. At the Sat Tal Ashram I opened a temporary branch for the Ashram period. I requested Dr. N. K. Mundle—the Manager of the Sat Tal State and Sister Dora William—a most active member of the Ashram—to act as our Secretaries for the Sat Tal State and the Sat Tal Ashram, respectively. They readily agreed to my request and were good enough to collect donations for the N.M.S. With the co-operation of Dr. N. K. Mundle, N. M. S. Sunday was observed in the Sat Tal Methodist Church, I suppose, for the first time. Since Rev. T. P. Gopalaswamy came to attend the Sat Tal Ashram this year, I requested him to take part with me in the service. I gave a short message and report of the work of the N. M. S. The congregation was much impressed when Rev. Gopalaswamy, with his white flowing beard, gave an interesting account of some of the early activities of the N.M.S., how he was personally attracted to work for the N. M. S. and how he was sent for Theological Training by the N. M. S. The description of his ordination service was specially interesting. He told them that in those early days, when no one thought or talked about church union, at his Ordination Service, which was held under the auspices of the N.M.S., the Church of India was united and the ministers of all denominations took part in the service—the late Dr. A. Ralla Ram of revered memory representing the North India. This was a unique service and was symbolic and prophetic of the coming Church Union in India. Let us pray that the church union may soon become an accomplished fact in the North also. May the day soon come when all the missions and denominations will become one, when there will be only one Church of Christ in India—united in

witnessing for the Saviour. The N. M. S. has been in the past and also to day is a great uniting force and a cementing factor in the life of the church in India. Let more young men follow the example of Rev. Gopalaswamy, so that the N. M. S. may be able to arrange for them such United Ordination Services today as was done for Rev. Gopalaswamy in those early days. Besides, Dr. Stanley Jones was good enough to assign for the N. M. S. one evening, after dinner, in the Ashram which three of us shared.—Bishop Alexander Mar Theophilus, Rev. Gopalaswamy and myself. In closing, the Bishop made a fervent appeal for the cause of N. M. S. which went home to the members of this representative group who came from different parts of our country. Several of them went back with the N.M.S. message and promised to help the Society. In Naini Tal I was able to arrange to observe the N. M. S. Sunday in the Hindustani Methodist Church. This service I shared with Bishop Alexander. I gave a short report of the activities of the N. M. S. and the Bishop gave the message exhorting the Congregation to support the N. M. S. The pastor of the local Methodist Church, Rev. Gambhir Singh was a great help to me. He took me round to meet friends and joined me in appealing for the N. M. S. cause. Dr. Maya Das—a great lover and supporter of the N.M.S. attended the service and we requested him to act as a convener to start a regular branch in Naini Tal. In Almora there is a beautiful Methodist Church, and the Pastor very kindly gave me the opportunity to speak in the evening service. The church was packed to capacity, it being their "Thanks-giving Sunday." After my short message there were two other speakers. I, besides thanking for other blessings, specially thanked God for the N. M. S.—its founders—the vision they saw in those days more than half a century ago, of forming a Society which will lay upon the shoulders of the sons and daughters of India the responsibility to evangelize their Mother-land—by Indian men, Indian money, Indian management and Indian methods. People got much interested and the District Superintendent of Almora (and others too) promised to give their full support in strengthening the local branch and finding fields and workers for us. He recommended one name—Mr. Ramsay of Bareilly with whom Miss M. M. Singh, our Area Secretary is in correspondence. While I was at Dwarahat, the Principal of the Christian Inter College recommended a place called Ghanai for our field. Ghanai is about 10 miles from Dwarahat and about 70 miles from

Badrinath on the main road. In the early days, when Dwarahat was a big centre of Methodist Mission, Ghanai was one of their stations. I have written to the Honarary General Secretary and if funds permit and it is approved by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the U. P. Area Committee, Ghanai will be an ideal base to work among the pilgrims to and from Badrinath. Let this be one of the topics of our prayers. During this tour, I was able to collect a sum of Rs. 241 . 77 nP. as special donations, which has been remitted to the Headquarters. I am glad to say that in most places I visited and approached the local pastors and other leaders distributing copies of the Clarion Call by Miss M. M. Singh and N.M.S. report by our Hony. General Secretary requesting them to support the cause of the N. M. S., I met with good response. I feel sure that as the work of the N. M. S. expands, more support from churches and individuals will be coming forth for our Society.

KATTERI FIELD NEWS

August 1958

During the month of August our Kutathur evangelists Mr. and Mrs. Samuel, our voluntary gospel worker Mrs. Alfred and myself as a team were visiting constantly the secret believers in Tirupattur, Jothimangalam and Georgepet. As the result of it, early this month, three young men decided to confess Christ openly through baptism. Hence, Venkatesan, Kannan and Swaminathan were given due teaching in the Christian faith and were baptised on 21-9-'58. Bro. Jeya David and Mrs. Alfred fully co-operated with me in preparing these three catechumen.

For nearly two weeks I was away visiting Munnar N.M.S. branch and attending the N.M.S. Triennial Conference at Tiruvalla. During my absence in the field, Bro. R. S. Victor of C. K. Ashram took much pains to renovate the building in Kutathur, Javadi hills, camping there twice for about 8 days. I am deeply indebted to him for the most valuable help. After returning from Kerala, I visited Kutathur along with Bro. Jaya David and Mr. J. Yesudian, our Katteri school teacher. We had a happy time together as they shared with us their joys and sufferings in the Lord's service. We tried our best to encourage them to carry on their work faithfully for the glory of Jesus Christ.

This month I was invited to give a message at Ambur C. S. I. Church when they celebrated the third anniversary of their church building coupled with the ingathering festival. I seized the opportunity to infuse missionary zeal among the congregation.

The Muslim patients at Pakirithakka very often approached me for help. Patients suffering from Tuberculosis, gastric ulcer and other serious sicknesses were taken to ashram hospital. I made the best use of my contacts to tell them of the love of christ.

R. GNANADIKAM.

MONTHLY CAMP AT PATCHUR

29th to 31st August 1958

Ashram brothers Mr. Pandian, Mr. Nehemiah, and Mr. Moses Periasami, Mrs. Alfred from Tirupattur, Rev. R. Gnanadikam from Katteri, School teachers from Chandrapuram, Jawadhi Hill workers, Mrs. and Mr. Samuel Raju, a Hindu youngman from Athiur and Eliah and John Devanbu, and Patchur Swamiar were with us in the camp.

Patchur Swamiar and Sri John Devanbu who was baptised last year made all arrangements for our stay. During our stay we had close contact with school teachers, merchants and people of the place who were very eager to listen to the Gospel Message. On Saturday 30th we visited a temple on the top of a hill where people had gathered in connection with some festival and this gave us an opportunity to preach, to sell gospels and distribute tracts in large numbers and to speak to individuals about the Saviour of the world.

We visited three villages in the evenings and with the help of a magic lantern projector showed the life of Christ and gave the message to them.

Patchur Swamiar John Devanbu took us to the top of a hill and told us that he had been praying for a long time that our Lord may enable him to build a church to worship Him there. His knowledge of the scriptures is amazing and he read scripture portions and we worshipped God there. We thanked God for the life of this old Swamiar.

It has been our desire to start intensive evangelistic work in about twelve villages. It was suggested long ago

that our evangelist should be stationed in this area so that he might take the Gospel to the people. We urge our readers to pray earnestly that the Kingdom of our Lord may be extended to this area also soon.

S. GNANASUNDARAMONY
Missionary in-charge, Puram.

CALICUT BRANCH

The branch has about 65 members who contribute to the work of the Society. A meeting of the branch was called to hear Rev. J. D. Asirvadam on 17th September regarding the work of the Society and a report of the Council Meeting held at Tiruvalla. The President of the Branch Mr. P. J. Chandran presided. After the opening prayer by the Rev. Joseph Chacko of the Mar Thoma Church, Calicut, Rev. Asirvadam said that he had brought to them the greetings of the Society and that he remembered his visit to Calicut, Mangalore etc. many years ago at the request of the Honorary General Secretary Mr. K. T. Paul. He paid a tribute to the untiring labours of Mrs. M. Varugis, who had served as Secretary and Treasurer for many years. He stressed the need for younger people to co-operate in the work of the Branch. Mr. Jacob of Govt. Factories Department and Mrs. Jacob, the daughter of Mr. P. V. Kuruvilla, the Society's Treasurer for many years in Madras, Mrs. John who has recently come from Madras, Mrs. C. Chandran, (retired Headmistress of the B. E. M. Girls' High School) another leading church worker, Mr. Kallat (Vice-chairman of the Municipal Council) very cheerfully offered to co-operate as active helpers and make the branch a live centre in Kerala and co-operate in the work of the area committee. Rev. Asirvadam spoke of the work in Nepal, Puri and Jawadi Hills and the new medical work started during the last triennium at Shahdol. Also he said that the heavy debt of the Society had been brought down to Rs. 8000, which the Council was anxious to wipe out, so that the society might go forward unfettered; and appealed for special donations through the branch to wipe out the debt.

(Mr.) P. J. CHANDRAN,
President.
(Mrs.) M. VARUGIS,
Secretary.

NEWS FROM OUR MID-INDIA FIELD

In her letter dated October 6, 1958, Dr. Ramabai writes to me 'Today it is exactly one year since we arrived at Shahdal. Three days later you joined us, i.e., the 9th, and stayed with us till the Hospital was dedicated on Sunday, November 24th. Let us praise Him for all that He had meant for us during the past one year. His grace was sufficient under all circumstances, and still *is*.'

'The income for September was very good, though we had to pay Rs. 200/- as advance for the electric installation and meet the salaries and several bills. The net expenditure in September was less than Rs. 100/-. Praise God. Out-patients as well as in-patients are increasing. Patients from Nowrozabad, Bissingpur, Umarea etc., are increasing. Women from Nowrozabad invite me to visit their place. A Christian family can give me a room to examine patients. I wish to visit this place occasionally. Thank God for all the prayer help from N.M.S. friends. Because many are praying all over India, we have experienced God's continued grace. We know that *our Redeemer liveth*. The Gospel is continually preached. We have daily prayers in the Hospital, and Rev. Spencer helps. In the afternoon, Mrs. Krupadanam and one of the nurses visit houses. A girl from Andhra who studied up to matric is helping us. We shall send her for training next July. Salome, the third nurse, joined duty on 1st October.'

The Area Committee for this field met in Madras on 10th October. Arrangements have been made to strengthen the newly started work among the Uraons in our old Murwahi field. Also the application of Mr. Chandra Basu Rao, M.A., B.D., S.T.M., was considered. He is a keen evangelist, and he has offered to share in the difficult pioneering work in Shahdol District. The Committee is recommending his offer being accepted. He can join our team on August 1, 1959. He will be a great asset for our work, and he requests the prayers of all N.M.S. friends as he prepares himself to work in this district among the Hindus, Sikhs and the adibasis.

J. D. A.

THE CHURCH IN KERALA TODAY

We, the members of the Fellowship of Reconciliation (India) after noting the decision of the Supreme Court on what is popularly known as the litigation in the Malankara Church, feel that this God-given opportunity should not be missed to send a message to the Churches in Kerla as speaking the truth in love. What is said below is not a pronouncement on the merits of the dispute or the justness or otherwise of the final decision. That which is of supreme importance to us as Christians, is to regard this as a God-given occasion for turning to Him in humble repentance to seek His pardon on our collective sin of disunity and pray for His grace and guidance to once again make the Church the undivided Body of Christ and the effective instrument for witnessing to His saving power here and now. The parties in any dispute have to confess that in our several ways we have betrayed the Prince of Peace who laid down his life for us. The atonement that was effected on Calvary should lead us, at this supreme moment, to ask the question, "not **who** is right, but **what** is right." The Church cannot afford to gain the world (worldly possessions) and lose its own soul. Those who hold worldly possessions will realise that we are stewards under God to use these for His glory and the extension of His Kingdom here on earth. If this stewardship idea of worldly possession is fully realised, it matters little as to who is the steward. Its use in the cause of evangelism and the building up of the Kingdom will be the motive force behind all our use of such possessions. The ancient Church in Kerala, temporarily paralysed in its main function of witnessing should rise triumphant and begin to shine as a lighted candle set on a candle-stick and as a city set on a hill top, irresistibly witnessing to the saving grace of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ within and without the Church in India. It is our sincere prayer and fervent hope that the brethren in Kerala will not let this great occasion pass without a definite commitment to unite and play their part as Christians in the Church and the body politics.

J. P. JOSHUA,
Hon. Gen. Secretary.

N. M. S. OF INDIA — FINANCIAL STATEMENT

from April to September 1958

RECEIPTS

	Rs.	nP.		
Punjab ...	5	00		
Uttar Pradesh ...	1925	58		
Bengal & Calcutta ...	418	50		
Bihar ...	87	00		
Orissa ...	20	00		
Rajasthan ...	5	00		
Bombay ...	756	25		
Madhya Pradesh ...	304	00		
Andhra ...	541	41		
Kerala ...	292	15		
S. Kanara ...	2801	00		
Madras & Saidapet ...	1067	75		
Madras Ladies' Auxiliary ...	2774	20		
North Tamil Area ...	931	32		
South Tamil Area ...	653	85		
Outside India ...	300	00		
Anonymous ...	500	00		
Birthday Gifts ...	93	00		
N.M.I. & Deepikai ...	125	00		
Miscellaneous ...	232	72		
For Nepal work ...	690	00		
,, Jawadi Work ...	770	00		
,, Puri Ashram Work ...	360	00		
Suspense ...	1233	00		
Interest on Securities ...	525	98		
Life Membership Fees ...	200	00		
Puram School Grant ...	2633	10		
Katteri School Grant ...	676	00		
Field Receipts ...	487	71		
			21409	52
	Deficiet		4617	40
Total Rs.			26026	92

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from April to September 1958

EXPENDITURE

			Rs.	nP.	
Puram	...		5500	94	
Katteri	...		2385	41	
Jawadi Hills	...		953	31	
Puri Ashram	...		1584	75	
Headquarters	...		3308	26	
N.M.I. & Deepikai	...		1539	82	
N. India Org. Secretary	...		1155	98	
South India „ „	...		1256	47	
Gospel Team	...		323	83	
Nepal Work	...		1740	00	
Hon. Gen. Secy. Tour expenses	...		140	32	
Hon. Associate „ „	...		44	03	
Khristapanti Ashram Banaras	...		300	00	
Suspense	...		630	00	
Agar uplift & Miss Saldana	...		320	00	
Advance to All India Council expenses	...		3000	00	
General					
Repairs to quarters	...	497 50			
Hon. Deputation	...	581 30			
General Printing	...	151 19			
Affiliation fees	...	40 00			
Interest on P. F. securities		206 50			
Miscellaneous	...	178 36			
Bank charges	...	81 11			
N.M.S. Sunday expenses		107 84			
			1843	80	
					26026 92

(Sd.) J. B. MASILLAMANI,
Hony. Treasurer N.M.S.

N. M. S. MADRAS LADIES' AUXILIARY
SALE ACCOUNT—1958

1. Vegetable Stall				
Thro' Dr. Mrs. L. Thambiah			1,005	00
2. Refreshment Stall				
Thro' Mrs. E. R. Visuvasam	91	09		
,, Miss H. Stephen	22	00		
,, Mrs. G. Abraham	209	00		
,, Mrs. U. Muthiah	15	00	337	09
3. General Stall				
Thro' Miss L. Vedanayagam	356	25		
,, Mrs. C. P. Michael	140	00		
,, Mrs. Balraj	3	00		
,, Mrs. N. Cabriel	12	00		
,, Miss E. L. Joshua	105	85	617	10
4. Pullau Stall—thro' Mrs. Raghaviah			206	00
5. Pickles & Jam ,, ,, Whitchurch			83	42
6. Lime Juice ,, ,, L. Solomon			79	25
7. Ice Cream ,, ,, P. S. Gnanam			205	12
8. Lucky Dip				
Thro' Mrs. K. C. Jacob	30	00		
,, ,, A. Mathen	130	00	160	00
9. Side Shows etc.				
Thro' Mr. D. George	18	47		
Hoopla	17	00		
Merry-go-round	11	25		
Gate collections	30	50	77	22
Total Rs. ...			2,770	20
Less expenses ...			219	50
Balance Rs. ...			2,550	70

Gift of articles received for the N.M.S. Ladies' Auxiliary Sale

held on 9th August, 1958.

Dr. A. Mathuram, Trichinopoly	...	Medicine
Mr. A. V. Thomas, Madras	...	Tea packets
Mr. John K. John, ,,	...	Sweets
Miss H. K. Devanesan, Coonoor	...	Vegetables
Mrs. U. Muthiah, Madras	...	Donation towards coffee
Immanuel Saurashtra Girls' School, Madras.	...	Collection of articles and cash.
C. S. I. Elementary School, Madras thro' Miss Rajendram	...	Sweets
Gnanodaya Training School, St. Thomas Mount.	...	Vadais.
Mrs. J. Roshia, Pallavaram	...	Cake
Rev. Paul Manickam	...	Donation for jaggery.
Thro' Mr. J. Amoda, Mangalore	...	Toys and cashew-nuts.
Thro' Mrs. Mercy Appasamy, Madras	...	Miscellaneous articles.
Rev. & Mrs. S. Gnanasundaramani	...	Needle work.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE N. M. S. BRANCH COMMITTEE

held at Munnar on 18—9—1958.

N. M. S. Missionary: It was agreed to call one of the missionaries between 1st and 12th October, 1958 to go for collection tour in the District with the local committee members and to take part in some of the Services of the N.M.S. Prayer Week.

Charity Football: The Secretary was requested to organise a Charity Football Match in aid of the N. M. S. before Christmas 1958.

N. M. S. Sunday, 12th October: It was resolved to have a separate Service this year followed by an Auction Sale. The Secretary was requested to contact the Secretaries

of Mothers' Union, Christian Endeavour and Sunday School to give their whole-hearted support in connection with the N. M. S. Sunday collections. It was also decided to send N. M. S. representatives to all important churches and Prayer Houses on N. M. S. Sunday.

VICTOR REGINALD,
Hon. Secretary.

BASIL SAMUEL,
Chairman.

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8:45-9:00	Signature	Tune "Joi Ho."		Sacred Music.		Bible Readings.		8:30-8:45
9:00-9i15	Back to the Bible	Living Waters	Gospel	Women's Pro-gramme	Living Waters	Gospel	Child-ren's Pro-gramme	8:45-9:00
9:15-9:30	,,	Good News	Berean B. C.	Gospel	Living Waters	Emman-uel Church	Shining Way Child-ren's	9:00-9:15
	Hymns, Music						Child-ren's Hymns	9:15-9:30

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I presume that we cannot get a person with these qualifications on a salary of less than Rs. 60 to Rs. 70/-

Looking forward to hearing from you and thanking you in anticipation,

Yours sincerely,

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At the request of one of the Members of the Executive Committee, we are publishing the list of workers at the Headquarters so that members and friends may uphold them in prayer. Each month, the names of missionaries and other workers of each field will be published for your prayers.

Rev. Dr. A. C. Abraham, Hon. General Secretary, Hyderabad.
Mr. S. Deva Prasad, Hon. Associate General Secretary, Madras.
Miss E. L. Joshua, Organising Secretary, S. India, Madras
Mr. V. S. Rajagopal, Head Clerk, N.M.S. Office.
„ V. Thomas, Accountant, do
„ Solomon Dharmaraj, Attender, do
„ P. M. Nathaniel, „ do
„ P. Samuel, Watchman, do

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Ramabai Clarke, wife of the late Rev. Canon S. S. Clarke of Madras passed away at Vellore on the 24th of September 1958 leaving behind two children, one of them Rev. Sunder Clarke now in America and a number of relatives and friends to bemoan her loss.

Born in 1894 she belonged to high caste Hindu family. Her parents were baptised at the Zion Church, Madras in 1901. After her education in Christian schools and graduation, she got married to Rev. Canon S. S. Clarke, many years Incumbent of the Zion Church, Madras. The whole family was greatly interested in missionary work and the N. M. S.

She is closely related to Mr. C. P. Michael and Fr. P. S. Kadambavanam.

The Bishop in Madras paid a glowing tribute to the departed soul at the funeral in the following words : (Extracts only).

"As the wife of the minister of the Zion Church, she was truly the mother of the parish. She was a great peace-maker, a reconciler and a mender of broken homes." We convey our deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

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"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"
"and lo, I am with you alway,
even unto the end of the world—Amen."

NEWS AND NOTES

Friends will be interested to know that work on Jawadi Hills is progressing. Mr. & Mrs. P. R. Samuel, our workers are engaged in evangelistic and educational work. A brief report of their work appears elsewhere in this issue.

A Gramaphone and records are badly needed for our work on the hills.

We are glad to report that Mr. & Mrs. Sam John are doing splendid work at Ishapanthi Ashram, Puri. The buildings have been thoroughly repaired. Mr. Natobar Pani and his family have joined the Ashram Fellowship from 1st November. He knows Hindi, Bengali and Telugu and he could preach in these languages. He is an Oriya and is a fluent speaker in his own language.

Our work in Butwal, Nepal: Miss Sircar has come over to Allahabad for a short time and Mr. Mathai has gone to Tansen for language study. He is also helping Mr. Shah in studying the Scriptures and getting to know the Lord. It is hoped that Mr. Eapen will join him shortly.

The Youth Auxiliary of the N.M.S. had a Retreat at Dasarpuram in Tinnanur on Monday, 10th November, 1958.

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PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR OUR WORKERS IN THE U. P. AREA.

Rev. Paul Das, *President, U. P. Area Committee & Hony. Associate Gen Secretary, for N. India.*

Miss M. M. Singh, *Secretary, do.*

Mr. A. V. Singh, *Organising Secretary, N. India.*

Mr. J. B. Masillamani, Madras.
Hon. Treasurer, N.M.S.

Prof. ERIC BANERJI OF THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, JULLUNDUR, WRITES

The N. M. S. Triennial conference at Tiruvalla has been a great inspiration to me. It was a spiritual inspiration to see men and women from various walks of life and from various parts of India taking part in this indigenous evangelisation. Some selfless workers, in spite of their advanced age and feeble health, travelled hundreds of miles under all the inconveniences of third class travel, in order to contribute in their humble way, towards the service of the Master. The solid work done at the conference and the seriousness with which its business was transacted was exemplary. To me, visit to the south is always a spiritual revival, especially when we in the north are numerically few. I am happy now there is greater intermingling between Christians of the South and of the North, that is bound to lead to greater missionary activity

On my return from the South, I launched a vigorous campaign for the observance of the N. M. S. Week of Prayer. I individually addressed the pastors and priests in the Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir and I am hopeful that it has been done on a large scale. I preached at St. Luke's Church in Jullundur Cantonment on the N.M.S. Sunday and my wife spoke about the N. M. S. in the local city church. I am sure the collections on that Sunday will came to you from all this area. The Bishop of Amirtsar, on my request, issued a special appeal to his priests for the observance of N.M.S. Sunday throughout the Diocese. I am now arranging to form an Area Committee and have also requested Mr. A. V. Singh, the Organising Secretary for Northern India to tour the Punjab. I am keen to arouse a zeal for the N.M.S. in the Punjab.

I hope our prayers for opening a field of the N. M. S. in this part of India will be answered soon. I am trying to enrol many subscribers to the N.M.I.

KATTERI FIELD NEWS

Our nurse not only rendered medical aid but also was giving the gospel message to the patients.

Our school children attended the Bible class on Sunday afternoon conducted by our teachers regularly. The school children were practising the Bibilical play 'Jonah' the whole of October to be enacted before the local public in Dec. '58.

On Friday evenings, we met together for intercession and on Sundays we had worship. On the 26th (Sunday) Rev. C. S. Sundaresan of Dornakal A. U. T. College gave the message to the Youth as the Coimbatore Diocese set apart that day as Youth Sunday.

Pastor K. C. Yesudoss of the O. M. S. laid the foundation stone for our headmaster's quarters when all the school children and N.M.S. workers gathered together seeking God's blessings.

The Thursday Prayer meeting for the new converts at Tirupattur was carried on even in my absence. I was away from the field for nearly 2 weeks as the N. M. S. branch at Munnar asked for my services. Jeyanandan of Georgepet and Jeyammal of Goudamapet are eager to receive baptism soon. D. V., Jeyammal may be baptised in November '58.

For four days I camped at Kutathur along with our voluntary workers Mrs. B. Alfred and Mr. Elia. Mr. & Mrs. P. R. Samuel, our evangelists at Kutathur are quite active. The day school and night school work is progrssing well. Sick people from 5 villages come to us for medical aid. They are given the gospel of Christ.

On the way to Kutathur, we had to spend a day at Alangayam owing to the delay for the lorry to go up the hills. So, we spent the time profitably visiting some friends, both Hindus and Muslims. At the close of the day, we had prayer meeting in the house of the local Postmaster Mr. Williams.

R. GNANADIKAM.
Missionary.

RELIGIOUS MEETING FOR EDUCATED HINDUS.

I regret to say that we were not able to arrange these religious meetings for three months. However, we thank God for the meeting which we had on 7th September '58, when Sri A. C. Paul Nadar, B.A., B.L., of Tuticorin spoke on "self-sacrifice." Dr. S. Jesudason, Periannan, presided over the meeting.

Sri A. C. Paul Nadar, though a lawyer, is a great scholar, especially in Tamil. Naturally his talk was very scholarly and he pointed out that the world exists because of the sacrifices of many. He clearly expounded the Christian concept of self-sacrifice and his description of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ made a deep impression on the audience.

It is our earnest hope and prayer that many such speakers should come and help us to reach our educated Hindu friends, who really long to have opportunities like this. Their eagerness to know and understand is seen by the searching questions they ask and desire to participate in the discussions that follow the talks. It is our prayer that these friends should not only have intellectual satisfaction but have spiritual satisfaction also. We need your prayers for these meetings and for those who attend them.

S. GNANASUNDARAMONY,
Missionary, Puram.

Among the Churches from 19th to 30th September, 1958. (An account of a tour in Nellore Dt.)

I Arrived in Nellore on 19th September. Mr. K. Elias, the Secretary of the Lone Star Baptist Church made all arrangements for my work and stay in the town.

Nellore. I had seven meetings of which four were Sunday Services. The attendance at each meeting was very good, and the response to the Call of the N.M.S. was encouraging. A new Branch was organised, the Church, the Women's Fellowship and the Mission Hospital contributed liberally towards the support of the Society. A good number of houses were visited and the warm reception accorded in each home can never be forgotten. The leaders

of the Church are seriously thinking of doing evangelistic work under the auspices of the N.M.S. Branch in a nearby village. Miss Sugana, the Secretary to the Christian Endeavour Society assured me that she would give the news of the Society to the members of the C. E. once a month and pray for it regularly and also contribute its mite annually.

I am very grateful to Mr. Elias for having spared no pains to do his very best for me and my work to have a successful and blessed programme in this town and also Mr. & Mrs. Devamani for their hospitality.

Miss Mirian, a retired teacher but a good church worker, especially among women volunteered to accompany me in my short tour and to help me in every way. I welcomed this idea and we both left for Ramapatnam by bus, about forty five miles. This place is important for the Baptist Christians, particularly because of the Baptist Theological Seminary where young men and women numbering one hundred and four are undergoing training there. Married students have separate living quarters, and what surprised me most was that both husbands and wives were training themselves in the Seminary to take up full time Christian Service after they finish their course. The small babies are being looked after by an Ayah during the day time when the parents are studying. It is an extensive compound with lovely cottages and buildings.

Rev. & Mrs. Blanchard were my hosts and I really enjoyed their fellowship and genuine hospitality. They were much impressed with the aims and work of the Society. The details of my work are written by Mr. Samuel Sadhu which you will find in a separate article.

Let me cite an interesting visit that I had to Ulavapad, ten miles from Ramapatnam, with Miss Rowland, the Missionary in charge of village work. I addressed the Christian workers there when I was happy to meet Miss Railley, another fine missionary who joins Miss Rowland every Wednesday of the week from Nellore to give medical help to the villagers. Both the missionaries, though not young, were full of life and energy and filled with the real spirit of service to the Lord. Their life and work were a source of great inspiration to me. On our way home at 1-30 p.m. we had our mid-day meal in a way—side small Mission House, so kindly prepared by Miss Rowland.

On the 25th morning we left for **Ongole** by bus covering a distance of thirty miles. We reached Ongole at 12 noon. Dr. Ravi Varma, Principal of the B. M. High School and his wife who were my old friends were very happy to have us as their guests. Their tender care, affection and hospitality extended to us is highly appreciated.

The Pastor Rev. K. Samuel who drew up a good programme of work for me, was taken ill and had to be admitted in the hospital. Mr. Ratnam, the Secretary of the Church accompanied me to all the places of my meetings. There were eight meetings which provided opportunities to speak to the congregation, women, youth and the staff and pupils of the Lower, High and Training School children. The news of the Society was heard with much interest. They attended almost all the meetings and there was a great stir and enthusiasm among the people and wanted to have a Branch organised. So, at the last general body meeting, the office-bearers of the Branch were elected.

The Church gave a good amount (Rs. 60) as its contribution for the work of the Society.

My thanks are due to Rev. John Martin, the Missionary in charge for the warm invitation extended to me to visit the Church and institutions and also for the nice fellowship lunch given on Sunday.

E. L. JOUSHUA,
Org. Secretary for S. I.

VISIT TO KAWALI

On 29th we left for Kawali, travelling forty miles by bus again. We were comfortably put up in Miss K. Chandravathy's house (Telugu lecturer in W. C. College, Madras). As she is a long-standing supporter of the Society, she took all trouble to arrange meetings. It is unfortunate that the Baptist Church is split into two groups here but I had the opportunity to address both the groups late in the evenings. Despite the heavy rains there was a good attendance at each meeting. It would interest and inspire the readers to hear that the mother of Miss K. Chandravathy, aged eighty four walked to the place where one of the meetings was held in heavy rains to hear the

message of the N.M.S. She led the group in prayer too. All who were present were greatly touched at heart by her zeal and enthusiasm she has for the Lord and missionary work. Miss Chandravathy presided over both the meetings. Her brothers Mr. Jeremiah and Mr. Raju should also be thanked for all arrangements made for these meetings.

It was heartening to hear from both the groups "Come again and tell us more about N.M.S." and we will continue to uphold the Society by our prayers and money.

Friends, I thank God for the showers of blessings on the humble work of mine in this district. I could address all the meetings in Telugu and it was nothing but His grace who gave the words.

I thank all the Churches, institutions and friends who co-operated with me in every way to have a successful and blessed tour. Miss Mariamma should be specially thanked for accompanying me to all the places and helping me to speak correct Telugu words.

E. L. JOSHUA,
Org. Secretary for S. I.

THE N.M.S. PRAYER SOCIETY, RAMAPATNAM

Miss E. L. Joshua arrived in Ramapatnam on Tuesday, the 23rd September '58. For the first time she spoke in the Seminary Chapel Service on Wednesday, the 24th September. She gave an inspiring message.

After the Chapel Service, Miss Joshua and Miss Rowland, one of our missionaries went to a nearby village Ulavapadu where Miss Joshua gave a thrilling message to the women assembled there.

At 5 p.m. on Wednesday an opening meeting was held in our church, Miss Blanchard presiding when Miss Joshua was our speaker.

Then Miss Joshua spoke clearly about the work done in the various N.M.S. Fields.

Mr. G. Krupadanam proposed the vote of thanks. After doxology, Rev. Maurice Blanchard, Missionary asked for God's Benediction. About 200 people, both men and women attended the function. Really we enjoyed Miss Joshua's visit very much.

We request all of you to pray for our N.M.S. Prayer Committee and the work of the N.M.S. in our country.

R. Samuel Sadhu,
Secretary

REPORT OF THE N. M. S. WEEK OF PRAYER—MADURAI

The N. M. S. Week of Prayer commenced on Sunday the 5th oct. with all the local churches participating in it.

Special Prayer Services for the N. M. S. were conducted in the morning and evening. During the week, the different gospel teams, went out in procession to selected areas of the town and conducted services praying for the work at Nepal, Puri, Jawadi Hills etc. The local Christian Colleges and High Schools allotted special hours of prayer, both in the morning and evening for the N.M.S.

On the 11th inst. there was a Retreat for all workers and friends of the N. M. S. branch at Madurai and nearly 75 friends attended it. The Union Service on the 12th was conducted at the Webb Memorial Church when Rev. Devapragasam presided. Rev. Devadason of Nagercoil, who conducted the Retreat, was the chief speaker. He spoke on Luke 10: 3. He stressed on the fact that the Lord trusts us when He asks us to go our way to preach the gospel and the urgency to proclaim the gospel. He dealt with the trust of the Lord in us to preach the gospel and the urgency for it. He referred to Luke 24 : 49 where the Lord asks us to tarry for the Power through Prayer and fasting to proclaim the glad message of Salvation.

A short report of the Tiruvalla conference and also another of the work of the N.M.S. branch at Madurai for the past one year were presented.

Nearly all the local institutions took part in the Service and there were about seven hundred friends present. The consecration and candle lighting service led by the Chairman at the end, helped the supporters of the N.M.S. to renew their pledge towards this noble cause. The offertory collection was sent to the N.M.S. head office. May the Lord bless the N.M.S. work to the glory of His Holy Name!

Mrs. J. THOMAS RAJ
Organising Secretary, N.M.S.
Madurai-Pasumalai Branch.

THE UNITED MISSION TO NEPAL

Dear Friends,

Since the last letter was sent out in April, this letter is two months overdue, but we had been awaiting some news concerning the new agreement with Government, for which you have been praying during these past four or five months. It has been difficult to make any direct contact over this matter, but toward the end of last month, on a visit to Kathmandu I was able to receive, with Dr. Robert Fleming, a list of proposals which the Government now make to us for a renewal of the agreement. These proposals are in the hands of the Executive Committee and Area Superintendents of the United Mission for their reaction and suggestions. In these proposals two things stand out very plainly :—Firstly, that the Nepal Government regards us in the same manner as it does the various aid programmes which are being undertaken by the Governments of other countries and international organisations. This is clear from their proposals regarding: (a) oversight of the work of our institutions by Government departments, (b) restriction upon the disposal of our property and equipment, and (c) the ultimate aim of nationalisation of our institutions. Secondly, the very moderate language concerning evangelistic work. You may rest assured that on the first point the Executive Committee of the Mission will seek greatly to modify the points raised : (a) to ensure that this oversight does not interfere with our liberty in the selection of staff and the running of the institutions in a manner concordant with our aims; (b) and (c) to point out that as Government itself is having no part in the financial support of our work

as it has in that of other organisations, we would strongly oppose restrictions on our liberty to dispose of our property, and emphasise the point that only in the event of Government's policy being to nationalise educational and medical institutions of **all** private agencies in Nepal should such a measure apply to us. Regarding the second point, the clause reads something like this: "The members of the Mission shall confine their activities to the attainments of the objectives of the institution to which they are assigned, and shall not engage in any extra curricular activities". From personal conversations I gathered that the phrase was included with the intention of deterring us from evangelistic work, but, quite frankly, they said it was impossible to state it more clearly. This, to me, is an indication of the more liberal terms of the new Constitution on the subject of religion. We have no knowledge yet of the articles of that Constitution, although it is expected to be declared very shortly, but from all that we hear we expect it to impart freedom in the matter of religion to all citizens of the country. This would mean that there will be no restriction at all upon our association with the Church as members of its worshipping body. We have realised, and still do realise, the need to move slowly and prayerfully in this matter, and throughout these coming two or three months, when the agreement must be finalised, we would ask your continued prayer that we may be rightly led, and that the conclusions reached may be such as shall further the work of the Lord in Nepal. For this reason we ask your special prayer for the meeting of the Executive Committee to be held in Kathmandu, November 19th—20th. The matter of this agreement, as well as matters of policy and finance, will be fully discussed at that Committee; please put these dates in your prayer list, and remember them regularly.

E. W. OLIVER,

October 1958. *Executive Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY, N.M.S. BRANCH GOOTY.

In the presence of Miss E. L. Joshua, Organising Secretary for Tamilnad in the month of March, 1958, a Branch of the N. M. S. was formed at Gooty.

A business meeting of the members of the Executive Committee was called on 24—8—58 to discuss the future activities of the Branch. The following gentlemen including the members of the Executive Committee, volunteered to become active members of the Branch, agreeing to pay a normal subscription.

Members

1. Sri N. Solomon	6. Sri Ch. B. Jacob
2. „ D. J. Sikhamani	7. „ Y. Paul
3. „ Y. Peter	8. „ A. K. Mark
4. „ Y. Muthyalreddy	9. „ B. Swamidas
5. „ G. D. Cyprian	10. „ Y. B. Devadanam

Sri Y. Seenaiah Jacob and Sri B. James were unanimously elected to the Executive Committee. The office-bearers of this Branch are :

President :	Dr. Isaiah Peter
Secretary & Treasurer :	Sri Elias
Executive Committee :	Sri Y. Seenaiah Jacob
	„ B. James
	„ B. Azariah
	Srimathi Y. Peter

The General Body has entrusted the Executive with the work of planning for the future activities and conducting the N. M. S. Week of Prayer in a suitable way.

The Executive met on 14—9—'58 with Dr. Isiah Peter in the chair. He gave an introductory talk on the origin and necessity of the N.M.S. in India and stressed that Gospel preaching is the salient feature of the N.M.S. The following resolutions were passed :—

1. Prayer Meetings shall be conducted during the N.M.S. Week of Prayer.

2, The Secretary shall send a request to the Secretary, local Church, asking him to arrange special prayer for the N.M.S. on the Day of Prayer i.e., Sunday, 12th October, and to send offertory to the N.M.S. House.

3. The Secretary shall send him another request asking him to arrange for the offertory to be made on English even-song services, if it is possible, and to send the same to the N.M.S. House.

4. A bhajan party shall go round house to house, collecting funds for the N.M.S., and the Secretary, Sri B. James and Sri B. Azariah are to organise the bhajan party.

5. The Secretary shall send a request to the Women's Fellowship to enlist members to the N.M.S. Branch.

6. A prayer meeting and two Gospel trips shall be conducted in each month.

7. The Secretary shall send a request to the N.M.S. House, Madras, asking that N.M.I., the Constitution of the N.M.S., and other pertinent literature be sent direct to him.

A prayer Meeting was called for on Thursday, the 9th inst. to pray for the N.M.S. Sri N. Solomon, the Secretary of the local Branch, conducted the Service. He pointed out that the Branch should carry out the two aims i.e., to pray for the N.M.S., and to help the N.M.S. He impressed on the members present that all should co-operate with every activity of the Branch. On the N.M.S. Day of Prayer, Sunday, the 12th October, Rev. N. Samuel conducted the special Service for the N.M.S. The gist of his sermon is as follows :

> " Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ made us free—Galatians 5-1 A."

On the 12th night we formed a bhajan party and went from house to house collecting funds for the N.M.S. All families contributed liberally. Little children took keen interest in the bhajan party and it was only through their efforts we collected the funds. So, they ought to be congratulated.

We thank God for the wonderful way in which He has guided the N.M.S. during the last 53 years of its strenuous

work in preaching the Good News in areas where His Glorious Name is not yet proclaimed.

L. ELIAS,
Secretary & Treasurer
N.M.S. Branch, Gooty.

NEWS FROM JAWADI HILLS, N. ARCOT DT.

Day and Night Schools are being conducted and three pupils come from a distance of three miles from a place called Vannan Kuttai, having heard of our school. People here are engaged in agriculture and cattle farming. As they do not know any other craft, we are trying to teach them, especially women, tailoring. Carpentry also will be useful if a worker with some knowledge of carpentry is sent here.

Rev. R. Gnanadikam visited us this month and supplied us with slates, books, pencils; and Medicine was given to ten sick people along with our talk about the Lord Jesus. Every Sunday, morning and evening Services are being conducted. Sunday School also has been started. We are in touch with five villages now. Along with Rev. R. Gnanadikam, Mrs. B. Alfred and Mr. Elias worked in the area for four days this month and created some enthusiasm among the people. We need the prayers of many friends so that the work started may grow more and more.

We remind the readers once again of our needs: A Gramaphone and Records specially dealing with religious songs and Religious pictures to be used in the Sunday School.

MR. & MRS. P. R. SAMUEL.
Evangelists.

APPEAL TO THE CHURCHES FOR PRAYER
ON
BIBLE SUNDAY
December 7th, 1958

There is much, very much, for which we can and do give thanks. During 1957, 1,150,702 copies of the Bible or parts of it were distributed in 114 different languages, the

highest number since 1945 and an increase of 25,927 over the previous year. Moreover, the Gospels of St. Mark and St. John are being published serially in various news-papers in Urdu, Hindi, Bengali, Oriya, Marathi, Gujarati, Telugu, Kannada, Tamil and Sinhalese, thus reaching a very much wider reading public than ever before. For these manifold blessings on the work of the Bible Society we thank God and take courage. At the same time we know how much, how very much, still remains to be done before this country can come anywhere near being self-supporting in the production and distribution of the Bible. If our hearts are really in this great work we shall desire to give to the point of self-denial in order that work so well begun may continue and grow apace. Sacrificial giving is a small price to pay for the Word of God when we know the price He paid for our salvation.

We ask therefore for your continued prayer and for your giving, in service and in money. We enclose a special prayer folder and would ask you to use it in your services on Bible Sunday and at other times.

J. S. S. MALELU, *President*

P. MAHANTY, *General Secretary.*

A NOTE FROM Miss K. SIRCAR, ALLAHABAD

I thank all of you, dear friends who have offered such fervent and faithful prayers for me. God in His mercy has spared my life and is restoring me to health and strength daily. Kindly continue to pray for God's work in Butwal. It is virgin soil and many hearts and spirits are being touched by the living Word of God. Our two young Evangelists Sathiawan Mathai and Joy Eapen are eager and zealous Evangelists and will continue to witness for the Lord in Butwal. Please pray that more labourers may be sent by the Lord of the Harvest to His field in Butwal.

STUDY OF HINDU FAITH AND CULTURE
(especially in their popular and practical aspects).

During the months of October-January courses on Hinduism are arranged for interested students either in small groups or as individuals—but never for less than a full week.

Hospitality will cost Rs. 2-8-0 to Rs. 4/- per head daily according to incomes. Registration Rs. 5/-.

In addition to class work during which comparative evaluation and Christian approach are discussed, excursions to important religious and cultural centres are made and interviews with saints and sages arranged- Particular aspects of Hinduism are taken up according to need. Write well in advance.

129, Dashashwamedh,
Varanasi. (U.P.) } ACHARYA R. C. DAS,

GOVERNING BODY FOR GAS MEMORIAL CENTER OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN INSTITUTIONS.

Raipur—M.P.
Dated 29—10—'58.

Dear Christian Friends,

You will remember that a little over a year ago, the Gass Memorial Center in Raipur was looted by a violent mob, set on fire and completely gutted.

In the Judicial Enquiry ordered by the Government, it was established that the accusations made against the Center and its Superintendent were completely false. Although we are happy for this finding, nothing has been done to help re-establish the work.

The work of re-habilitation has begun. Repairs are being made to the building and re-furnishing and re-equipping the place are going on apace. Much still needs to be done and it will take a costly effort to bring the Center back to its former usefulness and high standard of service.

Many of you have been interested in and concerned about the Center, after hearing about the ordeal it had to

face. And now we wish to give you an opportunity of lending a helping hand as we seek to re-establish the witness of this Christian Institution.

Help us again to make the Gass Memorial Center a worthy memorial to Dr. and Mrs. J. Gass, who gave a life-time of unselful service to the city of Raipur and other parts of India, and whose remains have become a part of the soil of Mother India.

Contributions, large or small will be gratefully received by the committee and may please be sent to :

Mr. G. D. Singh, Supt.,
Gass Memorial Center,
Raipur – M.P.

Thankfully yours,

Gass Memorial Centre,
Raipur, M.P.

WILLIAM BAUR,
Chairman.

GURUKULAM TRAINING COURSES—COURTALLAM

Keen Christian young men between the ages of 15 and 24 are invited to join any of the following Gurukulam Training Courses at the above place. They should have had a general education at least up to S.S.L.C. The Gurukulam ideal is to develop in our youths the spirit of a loving family feeling rising above mere human divisions bound together by the Love of Christ and that of self sacrificing service for the work of God's Kingdom among the poor. The training consists mainly of Bible Study in a spirit of devotion and historical research, seeking also how it could be applied in life and practice to make our Christian witness effective in winning others to the love of Christ. A life of prayer and meditation, combined with simplicity and manual labour, will help our youths to identify themselves with our villagers. Whatever their future professional career might be, this will help to prepare them for serving their country-men. Indian music and indigenous expression of Christian worship and witness will form part of the training. The Gurukulam has a Jebalayam (Prayer House) built according to Indian temple architecture and a small dispensary for free medical aid to the poor. This training will also be of help as a preliminary

preparation for those intending to do "direct" Christian ministry in the church as well as for all who wish to do voluntary or honourary Christian work while engaged in so called "secular" professions. The following are the shorter or longer periods of Gurukulam training at Courtallam.

1. A very short period of training every year from December 26th till January 4th for 10 days. A Registration fee of Rs. 2/- should be sent before the 1st December and a small voluntary contribution of Rs. 3/- for expenses of food for 10 days will be thankfully accepted.

2. A summer Gurukulam course every year during the long holidays will be held from May 8th till June 1st for 24 days. A Registration fee of Rs. 2/- should be sent before the 1st of April and a small voluntary contribution of Rs. 10/- for food expenses for 24 days will be thankfully accepted.

3. A much longer Gurukulam course for six months will be held at Courtallam from January 1st till July 1st. Boarding and lodging will be free for these regular students but they must apply before the 1st December sending a registration fee of Rs. 2/- and also a letter giving detailed answers to the following particulars:—(1) Age (2) General education (whether passed at least S.S.L.C.) (3) Any previous experience in any kind of voluntary service? (4) Physical health and fitness (5) Consent of parents or guardians for joining the Gurukulam (6) Married or single, any intention to marry in the near future? (7) Any debts or financial obligations? (8) Motive in coming to the Ashram (9) The minimum period promising to stay at Gurukulam and promise not to go away before finishing the course. (10) Willingness to obey the Head of the Gurukulam and to do any humble manual work (11) Cordial co-operation with other brothers in life and work here (12) Previous Christian experience in your spiritual life. Do you wish also training at the Ashram of Tirupathur N.A. later on?

All who come for the training will please bring their Bible, ordinary clothes, bedding, blanket and such like personal necessities. Courtallam is a lovely place of natural scenery of hills and water-falls, most helpful for a life of prayer, meditation and Bible study, as well as for evangelism as this

is a very popular place of Hindu pilgrimage and holiday resort for people from different parts of India.

Devasahaya Veedu, **Dr. Savarirayan Jesudason**
Courtallam, via Tenkasi,
Tirunelveli Dist.

SHAHDOL HOSPITAL, M. Pr.

News regarding difficult cases being brought to our N.M.S. Hospital, and God's marvellous action in answer to prayer is a matter for continued thanksgiving, month after month. In rented quarters, only four, or with much difficulty six, can be admitted as inpatients. Prayers are requested that soon accommodation may become available to admit more patients to meet the increasing pressure for admission. The area committee in charge of the field has to raise Rs. 5,000/- by the end of 1958, and a further sum of Rs. 12,000/- to erect four houses on our N.M.S. site by July or so of 1959. Later, by July 1960, Rs. 25,000/- needs to be raised to erect on our site the second stage of buildings viz., a house for the doctor and nurses and a temporary hospital. When these buildings are ready for occupation, the hospital can be shifted from the rented quarters to our own buildings, which will be more suited for our purpose. The main hospital, according to plan, estimated to cost Rs. 55,000/- or more can be erected only when sufficient funds are available. But the great witness of our Shahdol Hospital to a higher power at work in answer to loving service and sacrifice, and the prayer of faith in the very presence of those in distress and anxiety; apart from the professional skill of the doctor and nurses is a tremendous challenge to N.M.S. friends to prayer and unceasing effort to provide the money needed for securing the minimum buildings to station the Hospital and our N.M.S. workers on our 13 acre site, about a mile away from the rented quarters. Our immediate need even this year is to secure facilities to take in additional 10 or 12 patients, and to own a property in the heart of the town which can serve as a dispensary and consultation room for our doctor, even when the hospital is shifted to more spacious and more suitable quarters, and also as a centre for evangelistic work in the crowded part of Shahdol.

J. D. A.

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THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

By THE VEN'BLE GEORGE WELLS

'The Son of God became the Son of Man, in order that the sons of men might become sons of God'. St. Athanasius.

GOD'S MESSAGE

What exactly did our Lord Jesus Christ come down from Heaven to tell us? What is the essence of His message? Let us first remember what He did *not* come down to tell us. He did not come down to explain to us all the mysteries of the physical universe. He did not come to answer the baffling problems of science; many of them are still as baffling today as they were two thousand years ago. 'Where does the sky end?' How did the stars begin? What will be the end of them? Is there life on any other planet in the universe?..... He gave us no answer to such questions. And if we believe in the fullness of His manhood, surely we must maintain that, while he was on earth, He *did not know* the answer to such questions. 'Being in the form of God, He counted it not a thing to be grasped at to be equal with God, but emptied Himself.....being made in the likeness of men'. One result of this great act of self-emptying, when the Son of God became Jesus the Son of Mary, was a real limitation of His omniscience. During the period of His incarnate life on

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earth, His scientific knowledge was, to a real extent, limited and conditioned by the scientific knowledge of His day. For example, we may assume, in all reverence, that He did not know that the earth is round—because the science of His day had not yet reached that stage. So real was His self-emptying, so complete His identification of Himself with the human race.

If Jesus Christ did not come amongst us to explain the mysteries of the physical universe, what did He come to teach us? What did He come to do for us? St. John gives the answer in the preface to his Gospel; 'He came unto His own, and His own received Him not; but to as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name'. He came to show us the love of God for His sinful children, reaching out to us in the person of Jesus Himself, in order that we might be set free from our pride and our sin, and restored to our heritage as children of God. He came to teach us two very wonderful things; first, that the ultimate Power behind the universe is a personal Being, who can best be described in terms of Fatherhood, and who loves each one of us with an infinitely caring kind of love; second, that however far away from Him we may have drifted, there is a way back for us, so that we may find our way home, and begin to live again as we were meant to live—as the children of God. And the way lies in and through Jesus Christ, who said, 'I am the Way..... no man cometh unto the Father but by me'.

HE HAS SHOWN US HOW TO LIVE

Our Lord Jesns Christ has not answered my small son's question: 'Where does the sky end? But He has answered the deeper questions, which matter even more. He has shown us how to live—how to live in communion with God, and in fellowship with our neighbour. That is the world's greatest need today. What is the use of amazing progress of modern science—all the wonderful new knowledge that has been brought to light by the physicists of today—if men cannot learn to live together?—What on earth will be the use of America beating Russia in the race to the moon, or vice versa, if we are heading for nuclear war and the virtual obliteration of the human race?

'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, among men of goodwill'. So sang the angels on Christmas night,

knowing that God had opened the Way of Peace to men. The tiny, new-born babe, lying in the straw in the stable at Bethlehem, is the sublime symbol, the supreme expression of the the saving love of God, calling us to accept Him as our Saviour and Redeemer. It should be our prayer, as the festival approaches, that the world may pay heed this year, as never before, to the real meaning of Christmas. Where else is Peace to be found?

'How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heaven. No ear may hear His coming; but in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.

'O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell: O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel'.

—Reprint from the N. C. C. Review.

PRAYER TOPICS

Thanks-giving :

For the recovery of Miss K. Sircar from her illness;

For God's mercy shown to Rev. & Mrs. Gnanasundaramani during their illness and the period of rest at K.G.F.

For the recovery of Mrs. P. R. Samuel who was ill for about a fortnight;

For the interest shown by friends in the Andhra area during Miss Joshua's visit.

That God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son;

For cheerful givers in our land by whose generosity missionary work is supported.

Prayer :

That a couple may offer their services to go to Nepal to join the Fellowship there;

That another couple may join Mr. & Mrs. P. R. Samuel in Jawadi Hills;

For the success of the World Youth Congress to be held in Madras from the 4th to 10th January 1959 and that revival may take place among the Churches and individuals.

That Thy Kingdom may come;
That the tour of our Secretaries be blessed.

Visit of Miss E. L. Joshua, Organizing Secretary for South India, of the N. M. S. to Nellore

It was a great privilege to have Miss E. L. Joshua visit Nellore at the invitation of the Lone Star Telugu Baptist Church, with greetings from the National Missionary Society of India. Coming here on the evening of 19—9—58, she stayed through 22—9—58, making the best of the brief period. Attendance at every meeting was unusually large which was sufficient proof to show that the unseen hand of the Lord was with His faithful Messenger.

She gave a good start in her first meeting on 19—9—58, when representatives of all the local Churches and Denominations were present by bringing home afresh to all present, the great responsibility entrusted to us by the Master of passing the Gospel of Salvation.

On the evening of 22—9—58, Miss Joshua desired to have a conference with the leaders of the town men, women and youth, in the Lone Star Telugu Baptist Church. This was not only announced in the Services on Sunday but a general circular was also sent round on the 22nd morning. Nevertheless, the publicity could not have been complete but for a gift of 700 hand-bills printed and sent to the undersigned at 10-00 a.m. by Sri Y. John Tychicus, Proprietor of the Swaraj Press, Nellore. He later expressed that when Miss Joshua put forth the possibilities whereby we can share in the Service for the Master by prayer, tetimony, using our talents for His glory and giving our money and the like, it occurred to him why his press should not have this great privilege and share in the Master's Service. The attendance at the Conference in the evening proved the part played by the press.

The evening Conference was the last and most challenging meeting of Miss Joshua in Nellore.

A business meeting was then held with Sri K. Raja Ratnam, B.A., L.T. in the Chair. Sri K. Elijah was unanimously chosen to record the minutes of the meeting. The following Office-bearers and members were then elected for the Branch at Nellore.

The office bearers of the N. M. S. branch, Nellore

President: Sri I. J. Devamani
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AN OPEN DOOR

We, the Christian workers of the needy field of North Kanara do feel the need of prayer support. It was our privilege to share our burdens and difficulties with the readers of the N. M. I. during the past. Though the N. M. S. has completely handed over the North Kanara field to the care of the indigenous Mar Thoma Syrian Church, we do feel one with the N.M.S. N.M.S. cannot be neglected because God can perform miracles through the various programmes of the N.M.S. N M.S. is ever in our thought and prayers.

In this brief but humble report I would attempt to say something about Sirsi a busy town of North Kanara. Sirsi is supposed to be the head of this district particularly because of its manifold natural resources. Once in a while we used to visit Sirsi just to conduct services for a handful of protestant Christians there. During last year, we had the God-given burden to visit our small congregation over there in Sirsi, more frequently and thus our programme to Sirsi became more or less regular. About a year ago, I was so

guided that I could write an article about Sirsi in the official organ of the Mar Thoma Church and thus we could get praying friends here and there, ever remembering Sirsi and the possibilities there in their earnest prayers. The omnipotent God has been ever at work; and about three months ago Dr. P. O. Mathew, M.B.B.S., who is known everywhere in this district for his surgical skill and enthusiasm for medical work felt the need of opening a hospital (private) there in Sirsi as a definite answer to prayer. It is simply amazing how wonderfully God answers prayer, believing prayer. It was amazing to hear that Dr. Mathew moved from Ankola to Sirsi. It is true that Ankola lost a good Doctor but it is equally true that Sirsi is gaining a good Doctor. I am more than sure that there lies great possibilities for Christian work in and around Sirsi town. May God grant us grace to use every God—given opportunity for His glory and spreading of the good news. Sometimes it is subtle temptation to us to carry our good views instead of carrying the good news.

In accordance with the request of Doctor Mathew and many others, we are giving our time to Sirsi also. Every Sunday we conduct evening service at the "Maria" hospital Sirsi. Almost all of the christians of the town make it a point to attend the service. Those who come to the hospital for medical aid attend our services irrespective of caste and customs.

The Lord has given a burial ground for our loved ones resting in peace near Sirsi Municipal Naka, but we very urgently need at least a prayer-hall in Sirsi. Also we need a married couple to minister to the people. Sirsi is some thirty seven miles from Kumta, it is a tedious affair to travel such a long distance and take prayer meetings along with our work here in Kumta. Friends! help us to help others by our sacrificial services. Your prayers are solicited.

K. T. GEORGE.

Paul Kadambavanam's booklet — Golden Jubilee edition 1958. If every Christian exalts Christ and tries to live up to the teachings of the Master as Paul Kadambavanam has done, it is certain that our religion in this country will spread like wild fire—Fire from on high is sorely needed on the individuals and churches.

Miss E. L JOSHUA'S TOUR IN ANDHRA
For November

On the 7th November, a Retreat was arranged for the members of the Youth Auxiliary, Area Committee, well-wishers and friends of the Society. Much effort was put in to make it a success and thank God, it was indeed a blessed Retreat. Sixteen persons from the city of Madras and also some local Christians attended it.

From 13th to 24th November, I was on tour visiting Bapatla, Nandyal and Palmaner in Chittoor Dt.

From 14th to 16th I was at Bapatla, addressed the Youth twice and preached in the Service on Sunday morning and in the afternoon spoke to the women. In the evening, a meeting for those interested in the Society was convened and a new branch was organised. Despite the existence of the Society for fifty three years, no N. M. S. official had ever set foot in this town. Therefore, the people knew nothing about the Society. Now, after hearing the news about the Society, they have determined to uphold it in every way. The leading Christian homes were visited.

On the 16th night I left for Nandyal via Vijayawada and reached the place the next dav noon. I was met by Ven'ble Jonathan, the Archdeacon of C. I. B. C., at the station.

In the evening from 8 to 9 p.m., I had to speak at a conference on N. M. S , as well as on Revival and Support, to a big gathering of Pastors of the Churches of C. I. B. C., in the whole of Kurnool Dt. There were more than 200 people (men and women). This had provided me an opportunity to meet the leaders of the church in person and to get to know of them.

I also participated in the discussion classes held for women separately and also addressed the women of the local church and those who came for the conference at a meeting.

Invitations were extended by various churches in the district to visit their areas and place the challenge of the N. M. S.

On the 19th noon I left for Palmaner in Chittoor Dt. It was a very long and tedious journey and I had to cover long distances, both by train and bus, to reach the place. I arrived here on the 21st morning.

I loved to visit this place and meet the Christians, young and old, because there is continued support to the Society for many years from this area. There were five meetings including a Church Service. The school children, the Christian Endeavour Society, the workers and the congregation heard the Challenge of the N. M. S. with much interest. Special collections were taken at each meeting given for the Society's work.

It gave me much joy to note that in all these places the Christians really have a warm heart for the Society because it is an indigenous and inter-denominational organisation.

I returned home praising God for all the good response I had from the leaders of the church who made my stay and work happy and blessed.

I must specially thank Mr. N. George, Field Missionary, his wife, Mr. Ratnam of Bapatla, the Bishop's Commissary Ven'ble Jonathan Archdeacon of Nandyal and his wife, and Rev. Robert and Miss Jongewaard of Palmaner for their excellent care, comforts and conveniences made for my stay and for the good programme of work arranged to make the N. M. S. known in their area and the assurance of their continued support and interest for the Society.

THE N. M. S. BRANCH, BAPATLA

Miss. E. L. Joshua came here on 14th November and spent 15th and 16th explaining the work of the N. M. S. She addressed the staff and the students of A. B. M. Secondary Training School, Bapatla on 15th morning. Her speech about the N. M. S. was an eye opener to many and was much appreciated. She emphasised the necessity of Christians preaching the Word of God.

After visiting some local Christian homes, she addressed the inmates of the Training School Hostel. Her talk on Daniel as a man of purity, purpose, prayer and power was very inspiring.

On 16th morning, Miss E. L. Joshua preached and explained the N. M. S. work to the congregation of Zion Church, Bapatla, Mr. N. George, Missionary in charge, A. B. Mission presiding.

In the evening the members of the Christian Women's Association had the privilege of hearing her. All these activities produced much enthusiasm in the town people, and an N. M. S. Branch with the following as office-bearers was formed. Miss Joshua gave her valuable suggestions.

1. *President*: Sri J. S. David
2. *Secretaries*: Sri K. Paul
   Mrs. P. Estheramma
3. *Treasurer*: Sri B. Purushotham

Members:

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,, T. Mark
,, T. D. J. Nagabushanam
,, K. Devadanam (Pastor, Dagguvaripalem)
,, D. Joseph (Salvation Army)
,, K. Isaiah
Rev. B. Ratnam (Lutheran Mission)
Mrs. J. Mercyamma

We request all of you to pray for our Prayer Committee and the N. M. S.

K. PAUL,
Secretary, N. M. S. Branch.

Visit of Miss E. L. Joshua, Organising Secretary to Palmaner

The visit of Miss Joshua, Organising Secretary of N. M. S. of India will long be remembered with much pleasure.

She spent three days with us and gave of herself to the utmost. She met with and spoke to the Women's Fellowship on Friday, November 21st afternoon, spoke to the children in Telugu at the Day School on Saturday morning, in the Prayer Hall and Saturday evening to the village

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N. M. S. OF INDIA, FINANCIAL STATEMENT,

RECEIPTS	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
Punjab	5	00		
United Province	3,061	96		
Delhi	96	00		
Calcutta & Bengal	611	50		
Assam	200	00		
Bihar	259	00		
Orissa	20	00		
Rajasthan	103	68		
Bombay	929	77		
Madhya Pradesh	619	59		
Andhra	990	50		
Kerala	406	15		
S. Kanara	4,193	42		
Madras & Saidapet	1,568	06		
Madras Ladies' Auxiliary	2,850	95		
North Tamil Area	1,253	96		
South Tamil Area	1,748	23		
Out Side India	300	00		
Anonymous	1,000	00		
Birthday Gift	117	00		
N. M. I. & Deepikai	226	01		
Miscellaneous	479	37		
For Nepal work	1,320	00		
„ Jawadi „	1,310	00		
„ Puri Ashram „	360	00		
Suspense	1,334	00		
Interest on Securities	640	33		
Life Membership	771	50		
Puram School Grant	3,231	45		
Katteri School Grant	900	00		
Field Receipts	632	49	31,539	92
Deficit			331	88
Total			31,871	80

FROM APRIL TO NOVEMBER 1958

EXPENDITURE			Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
Puram			7,607	42		
Katteri			3,143	14		
Jawadi			1,186	62		
Puri Ashram			1,584	75		
Nepal work			1,905	88		
Head quarters			4,353	25		
N. M. I. & Deepikai			1,957	96		
Org. Secretary N. India			1,660	10		
Org. Secretary S. India			1,708	27		
Gospel Team			323	83		
All India Council expenses,			2,360	44		
Hon. Gen. Secretary Tour expenses			140	32		
Hon. Associate ,, ,, ,,			44	03		
For School of Hinduism			300	00		
Suspense			690	00		
Agar uplift & Miss Saldana			320	00		
General:—						
Repairs to quarters	497	50				
Hony. Deputation	963	05				
Gen. Printing	169	69				
Affiliation fees	40	00				
Interest on P. F. Securities	309	50				
Miscellaneous	192	46				
Bank charges	147	25				
N. M. S. Sunday expenses	141	34				
Audit Fees	125	00				
			2,585	79	31,871	80

(Sd.) J. B. MASILLAMANI.
Hon. Treasurer N. M. S.

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people, on Sunday morning she spoke in the Service and Sunday afternoon she was the speaker at our C. E. Rally.

At all the meetings she spoke of the various work of the N. M. S. and the need of our Indian Christians to feel responsible for the work that is so necessary. I am certain our people in Palmaner will continue to be interested and show a keener desire to give financial help and to tell others of the N. M. S. work because of her stay with us. May she continue to serve our Christian communities and thus open ways for more young people to give themselves to service in the N. M. S. Work.

Women's Industrial School,
Palmaner.

MISS C. W. JONGEWAARD.

TOUR IN NORTH INDIA

Dr. G. Devasahayam, one of the Vice Presidents of our Samaj and President of the N. M. S., Mid India Committee visited Puri on November 22, on our way to Calcutta for a meeting of the Lutheran Federation Committee on November 23 – 27 to investigate the possibilities of making the Wesley Square Church a centre for all Lutheran Church activities in Calcutta city for members of the Gossner, Ebenezer, Jeypore and Telugu Lutheran Churches living in the city as well as for Lutherans from the Scandinavian countries, Germany and the U.S,A., who stay at Calcutta for commercial or other purposes.

We were happy to meet Mr. & Mrs. Sam John and Evangelist Panna, our N. M. S. workers at Puri. Since the Sam Johns settled down at the Ishapanthi Ashram, regular evangelistic messages are given in front of the Baptist Reading Room, very close to the Jaganath Temple, three days in the week—Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Also, they have established contacts with the Municipal authorities and the public in regard to social services, especially in respect of the care of lepers in a private colony that has sprung in the close proximity of the Govt. Leper Asylum, not far from our Ashram site. The Evangelist and Mr. Sam John are bringing to them the Gospel message regularly. We could visit their homes and give them a message. Several have been in

Christian Leper Settlements and all of them are deeply appreciative of what is done for them by our Samaj workers.

On the 27th evening, I spoke of our work in Nepal, Puri, Jawadi Hills and the successful medical work initiated last year by Dr. Ramabai Gopal at Shahdol. On the 28th evening I gave the same news at Kharagpur. These two meetings were arranged for by Mr. N. K. Bose. At the Calcutta meeting, the members of the congregation requested Mr. Bose to issue, from time to time, news-sheets in Bengali. The Rev. R. L. Burrton of the Baptist Church is ready to organise an N M.S. Branch, giving due notice to all Protestant congregations in the town, if another representative can visit Kharagpur giving sufficient time. The General Secretary and Mr. Bose will arrange for it.

On Sunday the 30th, the missionary message and news of our work were given to three congregations. The Baptists are naturally interested in our Puri work. and active interest can be created among the Baptists in Bengal, Bihar and Orissa for the work in all our fields and their special support for the Puri work can be effectively organised.

J. D. A.

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NOTE

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—*Editor.*

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TOPICS FOR PRAYER

Let us Thank God:

1. that the medical work at Shahdol is bringing many to know Christ and that two former patients who have been seeking regular fellowship with our missionaries might be strengthened in their faith and witness;

2. that Prof Chandra Basu Rao, M.A., B.D., S.T.M., has accepted the call of the N. M. S. to serve as an evangelistic missionary in the Field in a sacrificial way from next July and that Miss Agnes S. Gopal, Nursing Superintendent at Bhimavaram has accepted the call of the N. M. S. to serve from April as Business Manager in a similar sacrificial way;

3. for new openings in and around Chitwahitola among the Uraons near Murwahi and at Karhani among Gond families;

4. for the great success of the Football Festival at Munnar;

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5. for the efforts of the U. P. Area Committee members to open a field in N. India and to get a Nepali Christian for work in Butwal.

Let us pray:

1. that the Lord prosper the efforts to raise the needed money to acquire a property in the centre of the town and to put up four houses this year on our thirteen acre N.M S. site and the quarters for the doctors and the nurses and the temporary hospital in 1960;

2. that the fervent prayers of our people that during this year souls be won to accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and be incorporated into the Church, be graciously and abundantly answered;

3. that Rev. Raymond Martin of Kotma be guided by the Spirit and blessed in all his efforts together with the workers to establish congregations in our old field;

4. For an Evangelist to be sent to Jawadi;

5. For the ensuing Rural Christian Service Fellowship Camp to be held this summer that God may bless the Campers and their activities.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

arranged by the N. M. S. Branch at Munnar.

Information was received about three months ago that the Office-bearers and the Committee Members of the N.M.S. Branch, Munnar were intending to raise a big sum of money for Medical work at Puram, N. Arcot Dt., by a novel method viz., arranging a Football Tournament at Munnar town. It was felt that the public including the Members of the Management, Office staff and the labour in the several Estates in the Munnar High Range were keenly interested in Football Tournaments. This idea caught the imagination of the optimistic and enthusiastic Secretary

Mr. Victor Reginald who, along with other friends had pursued this plan and made elaborate preparations for fixing the Football Festival on 24th January 1959 between 3 and 6 p.m. at the beautiful European Club grounds, Munnar for which permission was so kindly given by the Management of the Club. The Officers of the K. D. H. P. Co., were solidly behind this move. A strong committee was constituted to get a wide sale of tickets to every worker in the Estate; and Firms and individuals in Munnar gladly co-operated in this unique move by purchasing tickets and giving generous donations. Preparations were made for advertising the event by loud-speaker arrangements and for seating accommodation for the numerous crowds that were expected.

The Football match was arranged between the High Range Team and the Cochin Navy team which had come from Ernakulam for this special purpose. Commodore Karmarkar was good enough to send the Naval team to Munnar and himself was present along with 2 dozen officers to witness the match.

The whole of Munnar was on tip toe to watch the Football Festival. On the 24th January at 3 p.m. one could see lines of workers wending their way to the Club Grounds in addition to the elite of the town and the Managers of different Estates being present with their families.

The Cochin Navy Band rendered some very interesting musical items in their parade which were much appreciated. The match was keenly watched by the spectators and both the Teams were equally matched. Finally, the High Range Team won. The Navy Team, on the other hand, displayed a good team work which was much applauded.

During the interval, the N.C.C. Cadets of the Munnar High School gave a splendid display of Mass Drill and Marching for which they were lustily cheered.

After some items of Fancy Dress Competition, medals were distributed to the winners and runners by Mrs. Soutar.

The N.M.S. representative Mr. S Devaprasad who was specially invited from Madras to be present on the occasion proposed vote of thanks to the Management of the Company

for their advice and active help in making the function a grand success. It is understood that a big sum of money, Rs. 2,500/- had been realised by this Tournament and the entire proceeds would be devoted to the N. M. S. Dispensary at Puram for Medical supplies and Equipment, or adding a room to the Dispensary.

The next day being Sunday, a Thanks-giving Service was held at Christ Church, Munnar to praise God for the great things He had done in Munnar.

The N. M. S. deeply appreciates the vision and hard work of the Office-bearers, Rev. Basil Samuel, Mr. D. Victor Reginald, Mr. A. Sobanam, Mr. K. A. George, Mr. G. James Edith, Mr. C. V. Mathew and the Executive Committee and all the friends who had spared no pains to make the Tournament a success. Special mention must be made of the generous help and advice given by Messrs. J C. Goldbury, J. B. Soutar, and W. C. Roy and other officers of the Company and the authorities of the High Range Club, K. D. H. Indian Club, Workshop Recreation Club, Ladies Club, Mothers Union, Pankajam Talkies, Local Police, and Munnar High School Scouts without whose help the function would not have been such a great success.

"Expect great things from God and
Attempt great things for God."

Mr. & Mrs. P. R. SAMUEL'S MINISTRY AT JAWADI.

By the prayers of many friends and believers we have been doing God's work among the hill tribes. Three youngsters at Vannan Kuttai have faith in Jesus Christ and they are reading the Gospel of Luke regularly and also pray. Day and Night Schools are held regularly. Children have shown considerable improvement. We need a Black Board for the school.

We meet many sick people at Palamarathur and give cheap medicines supplied by the Katteri Dispensary. People want a school there and they are very patiently listening to our message. But the distance between Kuttathoor and this place is three miles.

We celebrated Christmas very enthusiastically and on the 31st December Brother Victor and three volunteers from the Ashram joined us in the midnight prayer. On Christmas Day, presents were given to children and the incidents regarding the birth of Christ were clearly brought home to the people. The Forester, Mr. Srinivasan gave away the prizes. The New Year Service was conducted by Brother Victor.

We request you to remember us and our work in your prayers.

Rev. S. GNANASUNDARAMANI'S ORDINATION FOR PRIESTHOOD

Tirupattur C. S. I. Church was the scene of the ordination of our missionary, Rev. S. Gnanasundaramani of Puram. The solemn ceremony came off on Sunday, the 15th of February 1959, The Rt. Rev. Dr. A. J. Appasamy. Bishop in Coimbotore officiating along with four Priests of the C. S. I. The arrangements for the visitors were in the hands of Dr. Raja Savariroyan and the Ashram Brothers. A two—day retreat was arranged for the candidate and a special music party and friends from K. G. F. were present. The Service was fully Choral with special lyrics sung with Indian Musical Instruments. There was a Communion Service after the Consecration.

Our prayers are with Brother S. Gnanasundamani that God may bless him, his family and his work.

After the Consecration Service, the Bishop was given a Farewell address as he was retiring. The Christians in the Tirupattur area bade him farewell and thanked him for his ministry in the area.

It is understood that the Bishop, during his retirement will be writing religious books. His recent book on Sadhu Sunder Singh is very interesting. It is hoped that a cheap Indian edition would be brought forward for the benefit of the middle class.

The previous day Bishop Appasamy gave an interesting talk on Sadhu Sunder Singh as a mystic at the Rama Krishna Mission School, Tirupattur. The meeting was attended by a number of leading Hindus and Christians of Tirupattur. Some interesting questions were raised and answered by the Bishop. It was hoped that this work among the educated Hindus will grow from strength to strength.

The N.M.S. is grateful to Bishop Appasamy for his great interest in missionary work and the support he has given to the N.M.S. work in general and Puram and Katteri fields in particular.

A LENTEN APPEAL

from the N.M S. Area Committee, Madras.

It is a unique feature of the Madras City Area Committee to have planned to visit some of the Christian homes on Christmas Day 1958. Batches of two or three members each visited the homes and gave greetings of the N.M.S. to some of the Christian friends on 25th December 1958, being the Birth Day of the N.M.S. The visitors were warmly received and in some homes free-will offerings were given, and in one case the amount was Rs. 47/-.

The visit was planned not for collecting money but for giving N.M.S. greetings.

A follow-up meeting of the members of the Visitation Committee was held and interesting reports were presented. It was suggested by Mr. W. A. Devadasan that as they were near the Lenten season, a Lenten appeal should be sent to all the Christians in the city that they might contribute 40 nP. at one Naya Paise per day, during Lent for missionary work. This suggestion was received very warmly and printed appeals have been sent to many Christian friends. It is hoped that many friends will contribute their mite and rally round the N.M.S. This good example of the Madras Area Committee, it is hoped, will be taken by the N.M.S. Branches in other cities also.

NEWS FROM Mr. A. V. SINGH

Organising Secretary (N. I.)

Early October I had to go to Butwol to see the work there. As I proceeded from Gorakhpur to Nautanwa it started raining. From Nautanwa—the railway terminus on Indian border-we have to go by bus to Butwol. It was still raining and we were packed like sardines in the bus, wet with rain water. The bus started with difficulty and to add to our discomfiture broke down half way to Butwol. Our plight can better be imagined than described. The bus driver and conductor kept on assuring us that another bus was coming. We waited for a long time, but no sign, no sound of another bus. So, ultimately we decided to proceed on foot. The road was rough—full of stones and rain water. I took off my shoes, put my wet bedding on my back and started walking. It was a unique experience for me! We had walked about two miles when we saw a truck on the road being repaired. We walked another half a mile in desperation when we heard the roaring of the engine—and lo! and behold the same truck was coming in our direction. I was lucky to get a seat in this truck and reached Butwol at dusk; otherwise we would have had to spend the night in the jungle. God was merciful! As I pondered over this incident, I could see the finger of God in it. He saved me from the trouble and danger of spending the night in the jungle and yet showed me the troubles and sufferings the pioneer missionaries had to bear in taking the Gospel to foreign countries and unknown lands. In a way, I entered in a very small degree of course, into their sufferings. I thanked God for the zeal and patience of His servants—"other men laboured and we enter into their labours." The work in Butwol is going on well. Good contacts and cordially social relations have been established to preach the Word of God through life and personal witness. It is His Vineyard, we are only labourers. It is His work, we are only His servants, unworthy though we are. We commit this "field" into His mighty hands and seek your constant prayers.

On hearing from Rev. Paul Das about the intended visit of the Most Rev. Juhanon Mar Thoma, Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church, I got into touch with Mr. Job, his nephew and host, to arrange some functions for him.

As we were discussing, I thought about the Allahabad Annual Revival meetings which used to be held in the Katra church compound every year in the month of October or November. For several reasons these Revival meetings were not being held for the last many years. I therefore took advantage of the timely visit of the Metropolitan and in co-operation with the leaders of the Katra Church, arranged to hold Revival meetings for four days i.e. 19th to 22nd Oct. 58. These meetings were, in fact, regarded as "revival of Revival meetings". As the Metropolitan was only available for two days, I requested Prof. Samuel Lal—another convention speaker and our N. M. S. President of Allahabad, to speak on the first two days, the Metropolitan speaking on the last two days. The messages were most inspiring and were highly appreciated. People were very happy and hoped and prayed that this may again become an annual feature of the Allahabad church as in the days gone bye. It was considered a good augury that through the instrumentality of N M.S., these Revival meetings were revived by one of the leading laymen and the Metropolitan of the ancient church in India-both belonging to the N.M.S. May our hopes and dreams be fulfilled!

We were also able to arrange a public reception for the Metropolitan, followed by a public meeting, under the Presidentship of Mr. Justice B. R. James, at which the Metropolitan was welcomed by several speakers on behalf of different associations and bodies—Rev. Paul Das—our U.P. Area President— welcoming him on behalf of the N. M. S. The Metropolitan responded suitably and his speech was most informative and inspiring. These functions were a great success and my special thanks are due to Mr. Justice James, Rev. Paul Das, Miss M. M. Singh, Mr. Job and Mr. George, Secy. of the Mar Thoma Church Association, Allahabad. I am further glad to add that in pursuance of the policy of the N.M S., by arranging these functions, we were able to bring about a sense of oneness and unity among all the churches and the christians engaged in the service of the Master. Since the Metropolitan belongs to us all and is our Bishop too, we were thus able, in a very small measure though, to express our love and esteem, our affection and gratitude to our kind and generous chief host of Tiruvalla. May we have, in future, more opportunities of welcoming such esteemed supporters of the N.M.S. from the South and other parts of India!

BHARAT CHRISTYA SEVA SANGH. N.M.S.

Bangalore Branch, 1959.

On the 14th January, a Retreat was organised at the C. S. I. Church at St. John's Hill to inaugurate the fellowship of the friends of the Bharat Christya Seva Sangh, (N. M. S). It was conducted by Dr. Anjelvil Matthew who chose as his theme, 'The Bugle call of the love of God' (Isa. ch. 40–55.) The group consisted of 18 people including Mrs. Abraham, the wife of the Hon. General Secretary. All the members shared in the study and were inspired by Mr. Matthew's scholarly yet poignant interpretation of God's word. Community prayers and directed silence were part of the morning's programme.

After lunch there was a business session. Dr. E V. Matthew was in the chair and presided over the formation of a new committee. Mr. J Amoda first gave us a vivid account of the fruitful work as well as the disappointments in the various fields. We were fortunate in having with us this indefatigable travelling secretary who seemed to have been guided by God to visit Bangalore at this time. In his simple and compelling manner, he placed before the group the needs of the small band of devoted workers, scattered throughout our country.

With Mr. E. V. Matthew in the chair the following committee was formed :—

President	Dr. Anjelvil Matthew.
Vice-President	Mrs. Shanthavira.
General Secretary	Mrs. F. Muliyil.
Treasurer	Miss M. John.
Joint Secretary	Mr. Satyaraj Paul.
Members	Mr. E. V. Matthew, Mr. P. N.

Ninan, Mr. J. Daniel, Mr. Lawrence. (Bible Society), Mr. V. D. Luke. Mrs. Satyaraj, Miss L. Cotelingam and Mrs. P. Swamidoss.

The following annual programme was chalked out by the committee.

1. A Retreat at the beginning of each year.

2. A quarterly meeting for a session of study and prayer beginning March 15th.

3. Two social squads be formed, one in the city and one in the Cantonment for service in a slum area.

CITY GROUP. Mrs. Swamidoss, Miss John, Mrs. Chandrasekara, Mrs. Shanthavira and Miss Kathai.

To meet at Mrs. Swamidoss' home and then go on to the slum near Mekhri Gardens. First meeting Friday 23rd. January.

CANTT. GROUP. Dr. and Mrs. Muliyil, Mr. E. V. Matthew, Dr. Anjelvil Matthew, Mr. and Mrs. Satyaraj, Mr. C. T. Abraham, and Mr. P. N. Ninan.

To meet at the Cantt. Rly. Station to go on to the slum behind it. Friday 23rd January.

4. That the friends of the N. M. S. co-operate actively in the evangelistic campaign of the Bangalore Christian Council.

5. Two groups, one in the city and one in the Cantt. should visit Christian homes in the various parts of the town to enrich our Christian fellowship.

6. That the groups should undertake distribution of Christian literature.

7. That ways and means of raising financial support for the workers in the fields should be considered. A general sale of work, appeals to Pastors of Churches, and also personal collections from friends were some of the suggestions which the group decided to take up.

8. The Treasurer was empowered to send whatever money was collected to the Headquarters as soon as she received it.

9. That the committee would meet once a quarter, after the session of prayer.

The next meeting would be on March 15th, at 3-30 in the Guild Hall of St. John's Hill Church. All the members are kindly requested to remember this date.

Mrs. MULIYIL.
Hon. Secretary.

Mr. C. P. Michael writes as follows about his visit to the N. M. S. Branch Nellore in November '58:—

By wide publicity through printed hand-bills and previous announcement in the Church services sizeable audience was assured. The public meeting, held in Downi Hall on the 29th November evening was well attended in spite of distraction by the District Sports. The message at the following morning service of 'The Lone Star Telugu Baptist Church', was ably rendered in mother-tongue by Sri A. Andrews B.A. B.Ed The evening worship, at the Downie Hall, on 30–11–'58 was led by the Rev. Edwin Dickson, Mission Secretary, Baptist Telugu Mission. In the course of his preliminary remarks, he called upon the younger generation to offer their services for the evangelical task of the N.M.S. Most of the missionaries of the U.S.A., attached to the Nellore Vineyard of the Lord, graced the public meeting with their presence and joined the worship. The Christian Hostel boys and girls and staff of the Training and High School were separately addressed in the morning hours of 1–12–1958 and much enthusiasm was manifest. Visits were paid to some of the Christian homes and subscribers were enlisted for the N.M.I.—the organ of the Society. There was an informal meeting of the members of the Branch Committee. The scope of its work in the urban area and its expansion in rural parts was explained. The possibility of vitalising existing Christian endeavours by starting Ladies and Youth Auxilliaries, under the auspices of the N.M S. was also considered. This will tend to promote the aptitude for creative leadership among the junior members of the Congregation.

Thus it was possible to enlighten the Christian public of Nellore about the past and present activities of the N.M.S. The success and set-backs of the Society are the same as those of every evangelistic encounter in this country. The listeners were heartend to know that the birth-place of the N.M.S. is none other than Serampore which has been

hallowed by the labours of the first pioneer missionary-William Carey—of the Baptist Missionary Association of Great Britain. His self-less life of sacrifice and the great motto of "Attempting Great things for God in Expectancy of Great Things from God" have been the inspiration for the founders and successive leaders of the N.M.S. It is for the members of the Baptist Communion of Andhra to carry on the evangelical tradition, built by the N.M.S. in the steps of William Carey and others of U.S.A. who have laboured in Andhra. They are indeed among the rightful heirs to the legacy of the N.M.S. since its pioneers kept their faith in terms of the song of "The Lone Star Baptist Church".

CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCHES TO THE N. M. S. WORK

(1) The Churches' spiritual life will be deepened as they undertake the task of evangelism. The members of the Churches do not only need stirring but need to be "born again" by the Holy Spirit. Such a church will become an effective training ground for the evangelistic task of the N. M. S.

(2) As Churches advance towards their main task of evangelism, they will find themselves inadequate to meet the challenge of bringing the Gospel of the love of God in Jesus Christ without help from other evangelistic agencies like the N. M. S. The task of evangelism in India is so immense that any **one** evangelistic agency is not sufficient to meet the need—We need as many agencies that can help towards the goal of bringing people to Christ as possible. In the field of evangelism, we cannot be counted as rivals but as comrades marching together to one goal.

If there is an apathy or lack of interest in the work of evangelism or in the N. M. S., it is due to the fact that Christians have not been brought into the vital contact with living Christ, Who has laid upon us the privilege of bringing the Gospel to every creature. The work of the N. M. S. should be Christ-centred and Church centred if we mean to bring people to Christ and not on other popular appeals.

Let the work of the N.M.S. be done in the spirit of **humility** and for the **mutual benefit** of the N.M.S. and Churches. We cannot assert our claims that the N M.S. is the only evangelistic arm of the Churches—this claim might remain as our goal but let us first prove ourselves as such through our actions. The churches might recognise us as their evangelistic arm when we have proved ourselves by coming to their help in their evangelistic task.

How to solve some of the N. M. S. Prablems?

1. Let the N. M. S. be looking out for more youg men and women and make more use of them. The Youth of today will be our future leaders. Let us give them an opportunity to develop their leadership now.

2. Let the N. M. S. approach the rank and file of the Churches for its financial support and not depend upon the few. We want to inculcate the habit of **regular** giving for the N.M.S. from among its members through tithing. As far as possible, the N. M. S. should **pay** for all its staff members and not encourage honorary work among its staff. This will be honouring God and His work.

3. The Council of the N. M. S. should not allow the debt of the Society amounting to Rs. 8,000 to continue any longer. For this task, each member should consider himself bound to pray earnestly and God of all grace will supply our needs according to the riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Let us go forward in faith that the Lord who has commissioned us to preach the Gospel to every creature, hasa lso said All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore and I am with you alway.

Rev. Paul Das.
Associate General
Secretary N. India.

KATTERI FIELD REPORT

Unless the new converts have the abundant life in Christ Jesus they are to be merely counted among lifeless Christians. Thank God! the group at Mindapet and Pullur (i.e. around Thimmampet) do witness for Christ. Gurudoss and Muthu Samuel along with Rajamanickam (agriculturists) preach the Gospel boldly in the nearby villages on Sunday evenings. Without any theologically trained leader, they conduct regularly divine worship on Sundays.

Krishnasamy David at Pullur finds great pleasure in telling everyone he meets daily about the saving power of Jesus. Through him, Chinna Gounder's wife at Karagaravu (1½ miles away from Pullur) who was suffering from fits for nearly 4 years came to know of Jesus Christ. They prayed to God in the name of Jesus Christ for the healing of her sickness and she experienced miraculous cure. Thus their faith in Christ grew daily and ever since Krishnasamy David was giving them and their family circle regular Christian teaching. They were pressing me much to give them baptism. On the 11th January, I camped there and met some of their relatives who were dead against the Christian faith. They had already started giving these believers all kinds of troubles—stealing their sheep, grazing their cattle in their fields etc. By tom toming in the village, they invited their relatives to be present at the baptism service arranged in front of their house. All the eight of them from the gounder caste confessed openly Jesus Christ as their Saviour and God and received baptism with great courage and joy.

The converts at Georgepet are doing their best to win souls for Christ. Peter Subramaniam (tailor) takes great delight to speak of Christ with his customers and conducts a Sunday class for non-Christian children regularly. Swaminathan (Carpenter) very cheerfully shares his thrilling day to day experience in Christ, with his relatives, friends and neighbours. On the 17th evening, I took Swaminathan and Samraj to Jothimangalam for the night fellowship meeting where they both witnessed for Christ. On the 18th, Sunday morning, in the service at Puram, they witnessed to their

victorious life by the power of the Living Christ. Let us praise God for these converts and pray for the spread of Christ's kingdom through the life and witness of lay people.

R. GNANADIKAM.

IN FOND MEMORY OF THE LATE BISHOP PAKENHAM WALSH.

I am much pained to note the demise, at a ripe old age of Bishop Pakenham Walsh. My memory takes me to 1925–27, when I met him at Calcutta, in charge of the Theological College. What arrested my attention then were his utter simplicity and infectious humour. He was a child in simplicity ; and in genuine humour of the Irish variety, he was matchless! There was a scramble to take the place next to him at the dining table, for the intellectual repast, cast in sallies of wit and rollicking laughter, till your sides split. This was making the food taste sweeter and more palatable. It was my first experience to sit next to that Bishop, on a mat, both dining, along with others and Mrs. Pakenham Walsh, on plantain leaves. It was a memorable incident in my life! I could then realise that it was possible for a divine to eat his simple crust of bread, with or without butter, seated next to a layman in Christian Bengal. Bengal has instilled in me many revolutionary ideas, but this sense of fellowship, with simplicity and matchless sense of humour-all rolled into one in Bishop Pakenham Walsh-has something more revolutionary, than what I discovered in Sir Aushtosh Mukerjee, Bepin Chandra Pal, Desa Bandu, C. R. Das, and Dheenabandu, C. F. Andrews.

And again I had the good fortune to spend a few days under a common roof in Kodaikanal Ashram Fellowship Building at a Toc H Conference. Great was the contribution of the Late Bishop at all Christian gatherings. Great indeed was his marvellous insight into things Indian. He led a life of utter renunciation ; and there were many holes in his stockings and dress. But in this pilgrimage of life, Mrs. Pakenham Walsh, ably assisted her husband on a remarkable life, noted for identity of purpose. Thadakam can ill afford to miss the inspired thinker and friend of the poor. His life is model to all the divines in the Indian

Christian Church. The soil where he is buried shall be twice holy, for his, martyrdom out of love for India, cannot be seen forgotten. He could have been more comfortable in foreign shores exposed to a more salubrious weather than at Thadakam. But he elected to live and die, as R L. Stevenson, among those he loved and admired. May his Soul rest in peace for eternity. India needs more missionaries of the type of the late Bishop Pakenham Walsh. I am quite certain that non-Christians too will speak in very high terms of such people in India, more than even of their own Rishis and Matathipathis.

IGNATIUS ABSOLOM.

We are thankful to God and Miss C. W. Jongeward for so kindly sending 36 Gramaphone Records (Tamil, Telugu and Hindi) as a gift through Rev. Joseph John of Deenabhandpuram for the use of our Evangelists at Jawadi, Puram and Nepal. But we need a Gramaphone urgently. Will any friend of the Society come forward to present a gramaphone or contribute towards the cost of it to enable us to purchase one ?

We also need large size Bible pictures illustrating the Life of Christ and Old Testament stories for use in our fields.

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Because He Rose

By HELEN FRAZEE - BOWER

Luke 24:1, 2

They stumbled through the dark that Easter morning
And spoke in low' hushed voices of the Dead.
They brought their love, their spices for adorning,
But walked with broken hearts, uncomforted.

They did not know that, even while they worried
About the stone, the tomb had been defied:
How, with one simple gesture, calm, unhurried,
The Lord they loved had laid *all* death aside.

They did not know; but every heart that sorrows
Can know, today, the peace these words disclose:
'*He is not here.*' And all earth's dark tomorrows
Will never be the same — because He rose.

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ISHAPANTHY ASHRAM, PURI

From right to left Mr. & Mrs. Sam John

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Then said I, Here am I; send me.

THE CHALLENGE OF EASTER

ALL ye shall be offended because of me this night, for it is written 'I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered'. Jesus had warned them of this—but they didn't think of that on that terrible afternoon of the crucifixion. The small community that had followed Jesus was lost—bewildered—afraid. If that could happen to their beloved Master, what might not befall them? The Sabbath that followed must have been one of the darkest in their lives.

But it was the darkness that preceded the dawn—the dawn of a new day, not for them only but for all men. They had not even dreamt of an empty tomb—they had never for a moment expected a risen Lord. Even the women's report seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not. The light shone in the darkness and the darkness comprehended it not.

'Peace be unto you' He said, as He stood among them as they broke bread that night—but yet they believed not for joy, and wonder. But the risen Lord was with them, both in Jerusalem and in Galilee for 40 days, assuring them that

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He was in the world with them whether they saw Him or not. Emmanuel, God with us.

That is why the resurrection is the fundamental basis of our affirmation that *God is the Living God.* He is not only the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, but He is, through the Holy Spirit deeply concerned with and actively engaged in directing His world to the goal that He has prepared for it. In fact, He loved the world so much that He sent His only begotten Son to redeem the world even at the price of His very blood.

Many people have been greatly influenced by Brother Lawrence's book—Practising the Presence of God; and have come to believe in the Ever-pervading Presence of God in the world. Jesus Himself however indicated His risen nature differently. He was absent at certain places and times. 'He is not here: He is risen.....He goeth before you into Galilee, there shall ye see Him'. The living God does not make Himself invariably present at everytime and place. He decides His presence, and absence. He retains the initiative in all our relationship with Him. He confronts us on His own terms, and chooses the place and time to reveal Himself to us.

And notice in the gospel narrative *where* Jesus chose to reveal Himself in His living presence after the Resurrection —in Galilee! In Galilee, where after long waiting, Peter declared 'I go a-fishing'—returning to his routine life and work. It appears that the risen Lord did reveal Himself several times while His disciples were at work. He joined the couple walking to Emmaus. He directed Simon Peter and six others who were fishing to cast the net on the right side of the ship to catch a miraculous draught of fishes, and joined them at the meal on the shore. He did not reveal Himself in visions or at hours of special worship. Even today He comes to us as we work and as we play, as we go about our routine business. Suddenly our eyes are opened and we see the intervention of the Lord, or we realise that He was with us and we knew it not.

Easter challenges us to affirm our faith in the risen Christ, the Living God; and to discern His presence and experience His transforming power in day-to-day lives and in all our activities.

—(*Association Men.*)

ISHAPANTHY ASHRAM, PURI

A place like Puri, which is a great stronghold of Hinduism, where thousands of Pundits and Pandahs supported by thousands of pilgrims visiting this place, which has Jaganath and Loknath temples, all the year round from all ever India and where the Christian population is just like a drop in the ocean and we are like a spray.

Our desire is that God has brought us to this place in a strange way and so we should do our best for the extension of His Kingdom in this place in any way He wills us to do.

Last Summer we had the experienced evangelists Rev. R. C. Das, Mr. H. P. Jennah, Mr. Rabindra Kumar Nath and Mr. Ishananda Paul with us and they helped us in preaching the Gospel, distributing tracts and selling Bible portions and religious books. They all left us one by one beginning from Mr. R. K. Nath on 20-6-58 and ending with Mr. Ishanand Paul, who left us on 4th October '58.

When we were left to ourselves for sometime, Mr. Natober Pani with his wife and child joined us on 1st November '58, as the result of prayer from N.M.S friends. Mr. Natober has had preaching experience for over 4 years in a Faith Mission. When we were waiting on God to give us a worker to be a companion to Mr. Natober in the evangelistic field, Mr. Man Mohan Das, who is also an Oriya, but for a long time settled down in Tatanagar and Kanpur joined us for a short time, from Cuttack.

During the last few months, this Ashram was visited by Messrs. Patro, Baxter, and Manoharan Das, Miss Santra and Rev S. N. Das and Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Das of Cuttack, Mr P. K. Pande, Miss Ghosh and Mrs. Singh of Calcutta, Rev. J. D. Asirvadam, Madras, Dr. G. Devasahayam of Guntur, Miss G. Pani of Bhagatpur and Mr. Austin John of Barapani, Assam in addition to Dr. A. C. Abraham and Mr. C. P. Michael of the N. M. S. Gospel Team.

Our regular routine items of work commences with the morning worship, which is followed by a little garden work, Bible study, language study (Oriya, Hindi, English), street preaching, in the Christian library for 2 days in a week, 1 day visit of Swargadwar and Fishermen's quarters, 1 day Leprosy

Colony and one day distribution of tracts at the Railway station. One day has been set apart for visiting the villages round about one by one. The day's duties are brought to a close with Bhajan service or family prayer meeting.

We help in the distribution of milk powder to the leprosy and ex-leprosy patients, who live in a colony of their own at a distance of a furlong from this Ashram. On the 27th December '58 we gave a small Christmas tea and games party to the 150 leprosy and ex-leprosy patients and children of this colony, when the Pastor of the local Baptist Church gave a short message to them. Mr. and Mrs. Dharmaraj of Cuttack and Dr. A. C. Abraham partly contributed towards the expenses of this function. The people of this colony are very anxious to hear the Word of God and they want to hear it as often as possible but they live by begging and we have not been able to supply their physical needs. By the Grace of God, however, the general public has been moved to help these unfortunate victims by supplying them with food, clothing and work to enable them to have an honorable living. Let us pray to God that this may be a successful affair and the public may not slacken their interest in the matter.

During her visit to our Ashram Miss G. Pani spoke to the people of this colony about our Lord and Saviour and they listened to her with interest and requested her to come again to speak to them.

Rev. J. D. Asirvadam and Dr. A. C. Abraham also spoke to the members of the colony during their visit to this Ashram.

The poor and needy patients are treated in this Ashram with Hemeopathic medicines.

The work really is very great in this town of Puri and we request all the N.M.S. friends to pray for more volunteers to work in this place for the extension of His kingdom.

We need 1. Prayers to our Heavenly Father for (a) the inmates of this Ashram (b) more earnest and devoted children of God to be sent to this Ashram.

2. A bicycle for the evangelist, as the Ashram is about a mile or two from the main places of work and business and a cycle is considered to be a necessity.

3. Some huts (temporary) for the use of Chowkidar, guests and additional evangelists, if any, coming here in future.

4. A portable hand harmonium to be used in street preaching and bhajan service.

5. Small huts for a Children's Home for the healthy children of leprosy and ex-leprosy patients, we propose taking over in the near future.

6. A devoted couple, preferably Oriya, to look after the children of the Home.

7. Funds for all the above items, if items 2 & 4 are not supplied in kind by any friends.

SAM JOHN.

NEWS FROM UTTAR PRADESH

REV. PAUL DAS, Hon'y Associate General Secretary, North India, and Mr. A. V. Singh, Organising Secretary, paid a visit to Bahraich in the last week of January 1959 to examine the possibilities of starting a N.M.S. Field in the Bhinga Area for work among the Tharoos, living in the tribal area between the borders of India and Nepal. Rev. Rassman and Rev. O. W. Peters of the Interior India Mission were kind enough to give them a true picture of that section of India. They were impressed with the need and gave the report in favour of opening a new Field to the Sub-Committee appointed by the Standing Committee of the N.M.S. U.P. Area. The Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on February 9, 1959 were sent to the Hon'y General Secretary, N.M.S. of India who after eliciting the opinions of the members of the All-India Standing Committee communicated to the Undersigned the decision of the Standing Committee to the effect that our proposal had been accepted. Further action in the matter is still proceeding.

On the return journey they stopped at Gonda and were the guests of Rev. S. A. Singh, District Superintendent, Gonda-cum-Bahraich Through his efforts a meeting of the Branch was convened. Rev. Paul Das gave a talk to the members who had been torn by dissensions because of Church politics, and who had not till then sent any contributions to the Head Quarters He tried to bring about better relations among them and brought home to them their Christian duty to honour God by their giving more liberally and to serve Him through the cause of Evangelism. It is hoped that the visit has had a salutary effect on them.

Uttar Pradesh has been disappointed due to the absence of the Hon'y General Secretary from the N M S. Gospel Team which visited a few places in February—March 1959. Dr. A. C. Abraham took ill and could not come. Mr. A. V. Singh and the Undersigned carried on his engagements in Shahjahanpur, Lodipur, Bareilly, Kareli, Moradabad, Roorkee and Saharanpur. The proposed itineray at Allahabad, Lucknow, Fatehgarh, Gorakhpur, Butwol, Gonda and Bahraich had to be cancelled.

KUMARI M. M. SINGH,
Hon'y Secretary,
N.M.S, U.P. Area.

UTTAR PRADESH TOUR REPORT—1958

I PAID a visit to Fatehgarh and Farrukhabad from August 24 to 28, 1958. I spoke to the United Church of Northern India Congregations of the Churches at Rakha and Barhpur in the District of Farrukhabad and addressed the Doctors and the Nurses of the Memorial Hospital, Barhpur, on the Hospital Campus, the Enlarged Session of the Elders of the four Churches and Heads of Institutions of the District, and the Christian Inter College, Farrukhabad.

The Christian friends were stirred and promised to give their support to the N. M. S. Mr. Govind Ram entered into the spirit of Evangelism and made my visit a success by arranging all the meetings for me.

Rev. Ghulam Masih, Pastor of the Church at Barhpur promised his full co-operation.

In September 1958, a trip to Rae Bareli was planned, and a meeting of Christian friends arranged in the Methodist Church through the efforts of Dr. S. A. Nathan of Rae Bareli. Rev. L. K. Nelson, Pastor, Methodist Church was kind enough to allow his Church to be used for the purpose. The small Church was practically full and the people heard with rapt attention about the activities of the N M. S. and the duties of every Christian towards the cause of Evangelism. The N. M. S. Branch was revitalised because the members and other Christian friends became interested in the selfless work of the N.M.S. The Office-bearers of the Branch are :

President :	Mr. C. S. Solomon
Vice President :	Rev. L. K. Nelson, Pastor, Methodist Church.
Secretary :	Mr. O. V. Roberts
Treasurer :	Mr. S. Gilbert
Executive Committee :	Rev. Abdul Khaliq
	Miss Masih
	Mr. Daniels

There are altogether 16 Members in the Branch.

No charge was made on the N. M. S. because it was a private visit.

In November 1958 we took a day off from the Visitation Evangelism Institute led by Dr. Denman and Team, and paid a short visit to Barabanki. I was accompanied by Mr. A. V. Singh, Dr. Miss M. Singh and Mrs. M. Dhar.

Miss R. L. David, Asst. Inspectress of Girls' Schools, the then President of the N.M.S. Branch organised by her, received us at the bus stand. She

arranged an evening meeting for us at the Methodist Church. Mr A. V. Singh gave a message on the healing by Jesus of a man with a withered hand and led the group gathered in the Church to see the need of the use of the hand for the service of the Lord. He appealed to the people to use the hand in the cause of Evangelism.

I followed up his talk by enlightening the group on the past and present activities of the N.M.S. of India and requested the people present to subscribe for the N.M.I. to keep themselves posted up to date with all the aspects of the N.M.S. work.

As long as Miss David was in Barabanki, reports were being received of regular meetings and Bible study classes to enrich the life of the Christians. There was no charge on the N.M.S. for visiting Barabanki because Miss David paid all our expenses. Unfortunately, she is now transferred to Bulandshahr.

The Office-bearers of the Branch then were :—

President :	Miss R. L. David
Vice President :	Dr. H. H. Blanchfield
Secretary :	Miss E. Mehta
Treasurer :	Mr. S. C. Chatterji
Joint Secretary :	Mr. J. Watson

Altogether there were 21 members in the Branch.

KUMARI M. M. SINGH
Hon'y Secretary.
N.M.S., U.P. Area.

URAON WORK IN OLD MURWAHI FIELD

WHEN we discovered Uraon villages on the border of the field, the Disciples Mission, finding we had the needed personnel, agreed to our working this area with Uraon workers. Accordingly, we sent Evangelist Nicholas Beck and his devoted wife in July 1958 to contact these villages from Murwahi. When they joined us at a Workers' Retreat held at Shahdol on December 13—15, they reported how Sadhu Ram, their leader at Chitwahi Tola was very friendly to them. Sadhu Ram went with Vinoba Bhave from village to village when he passed this area, and collected Bhudan for him. He agreed at Shahdol that he should ask the Chitwahi people to give him a gift of land. One acre was offered to him out of the common land, but as that was a furlong away from the Tola, and as he hesitated to live alone there with his wife and child, a farmer has offered him 10 cents from his own land free. It is now proposed to erect an N.M.S. House there. The Becks go there often, camp at Sadhu Ram's house and visit Uraons in neighbouring villages also. The Becks are confident that soon a congregation will be gathered there.

In the old field, we baptized seven individual men. The first, Hari Singh, a Kol, named Cornelius married a Christian girl and is now working as a Police Constable at Raipur. The last, Paksa, a Gond, named Susheel took a three year course at the Madhya Pradesh Bible School, and he is now working as our Evangelist at Shahdol. Life for these lonely Christians has not been easy. Our new effort is to win a number of families in each village as late Rev. J. B. Krupadanam in Surguja. At the Workers' Retreat held last December, Dadhu Ram, the leading farmer at Karhani was present. He has long been a believer, and held together his young friends in Bible study and prayer. He is now ready to receive baptism with his wife and children, and we have asked him and Evangelist Sudha Ram to prepare his friends also to take this step. Two of his friends at Bhilai Steel Plant regularly worship at the Bhilai Church. Our friends' earnest prayers are requested that the Lord may gather those who believe in Him at Karhani, 10 miles to the South of Kotma, and 10 miles to the West of Murwahi as well as those in and around Chitwahi Tola to becoming living, witnessing congregation. They need the strength of the experience in Acts 2, 42.

J. D. ASIRVADAM.

REPORT OF THE INDIAN MISSIONARIES TO SARAWAK

Dear Friends in India,

AS we look back over the short period of four months that have just passed, deep gratitude fills our hearts for the boundless grace of our Lord in providing strength when we were weak, guidance when we were not sure of the way, and steadfast love that continued to constrain us to try to serve Him.

We reached our destination "Kapit" on the 27th September, 1958 at 9-30 p m. It is nearly 140 miles inside the island and is situated on the bank of the Batang Rejang river which is the longest river (about 350 miles) in Sarawak.

Receptions: Wherever we went, in Chinese Churches, Iban Churches and longhouses, we were given a warm welcome. The climax came when we were received in the Provisional Annual Conference of Sarawak by Bishop Amstutz.

Extensive travel: I had the privilege of travelling extensively up and down the main rivers and their tributaries with the District Superintendent, Rev. Donald Moore, who is stationed at Kapit. This travel has helped me a lot to understand the background, the culture and the beliefs of the Iban people. I also had the opportunity to convey the greetings of the Methodist Church in India and to preach the Word of God to them.

Appointment: I have been appointed as one of the teachers in the School of Theology in Sibu.

Iban Language Study: Since the medium of instruction is the Iban language for Iban students, I have been stationed at Kapit for one year to learn the language. Mrs. Joseph and I spend most of our time in studying the language. The study of Iban language is very interesting.

The pastoral supervision of five longhouses: From the month of December, 1958, we have taken charge of 5 longhouses for one year while we are studying the language. The longhouses are situated at the place called Nanga Ga'at a distance of 6 to 8 hours' journey from Kapit on the Baliah

river which is one of the big tributaries of the Batang Rejang river. We usually go to these longhouses twice a month on Fridays. We stay two nights on every trip, and thus we are able to have a worship service in every longhouse. Five longhouses are like five small congregations. In every longhouse there are 20 to 35 families. Our worship services which usually begin at night at 9 p.m., are quite successful, because all people at night come back to longhouse from their fields. Moreover the custom of the Iban people is that after dinner they like to talk and listen till late in the night. They like to go to their beds very late about 12 o'clock in the night. So we have enough time to talk to them in the night.

Medical work: Mrs. Joseph goes along with me with her mobile clinic and ministers to the needs of the sick people. She is the first nurse who is attending on the sick people in this place. Government mobile dispensary does go once in a while to these places, but there is no regular service, sometimes it goes after several months. We feel our visit twice a month is not enough but the travelling here is very expensive. One trip costs more than 50 dollars, and the greater part of it is shared by our D. S. from his District funds.

Inconveniences: There are lot of inconveniences but we are getting used to them. Since Sarawak is situated in the area of the convectional rains, we have rain almost everyday, so it is muddy all around the longhouses. The longhouses are on the banks of the rivers, and to reach these houses we have to walk on logs of wood and have to climb a sort of crude ladder. Sometimes they just cut out steps in a log of wood and use it as a ladder. In the night pigs and chickens, which are kept under the house make a lot of noise. On the veranda where we sleep, lot of dogs and cats fight with each other. Iban people seem to be immune to mosquitoes and sand flies while we are troubled quite a bit by them. But when we count the blessings and the opportunity of the gospel, these inconvenicnces are counted as nothing.

Human Heads: Human heads are still a pride of these people. In many houses we see a dozen or more heads, which are no more a curiosity to us now. These people are no more head-hunters.

Practice of Iban Lauguage: I have started teaching Scriptures to the hostel children of third and fourth classes in the Iban language which is a great help to me to learn and practice the language. Mrs. Joseph takes care of the needs of the sick people, specially boys and girls, who live on this side of the river and everyday goes to attend the school in the city across the river.

Baptisms: I have been able to baptize 10 adults and 7 children in the longhouses.

As we glance over the activities of this short period, our hearts are full of joy and our tongues are full of praise for our Lord who stood by us through all thick and thin. There have been moments of despair and sorrow, but the guiding hand of the unseen leader Jesus Christ has lifted us above all these things.

We send our united greeting to all the Churches in India and request that they lift us constantly in their prayers, before the throne of God's Grace.

Sd. TERRENCE JOSEPH,
Missionary to Sarwak.
—Indian witness.

N. M. S. Branch, Calcutta

We would like to inform the Christian Public of Calcutta that a branch of the N. M. S. was organised on 2nd October, 1958, and named the West Bengal Branch.

The object of this Branch is to keep before the public the aims and ideals of this Society, its undenominational and All India character, and its principal interest, which is the evangelisation of India by Indian initiative and financial support, Indian personnel and by indigenous methods as far as possible.

It will seek to foster these ends by holding periodical meetings for publicity and regular meetings for its members for prayer and dedication. Projects for practical evangelism will also be promoted and ultimately a field, operating in West Bengal will be considered.

These aims and ideals cannot be achieved except by the co-operation of all those who love the Lord and are zealous for the extension of His Kingdom. The co-operation which is asked for and expected consists of corporate prayer and meditation, financial giving, personal service and the creation of interest amongst others.

The West Bengal Branch Committee appeals to all to join it as members and contribute a definite amount each month. The amount collected will be spent in supporting the central funds of the Society, the Puri Ashram founded by the late Rev. B. C. Sircar, and St. Andrew's Mission at Haluaghat.

It will probably be remembered that in October 1955 the Golden Jubilee of this Society was celebrated in Calcutta at the Diocesan Girls' School and that delegates from all parts of India and from Haluaghat in East Pakistan assembled in this city. During the celebration, a pilgrimage was made to Serampore, where in 1905 the Society was founded. Martyn's Pagoda was visited and those present followed the example of the founders, 50 years previously, in dedicating themselves to the cause of evangelisation of India on an undenominational and ecumenical basis, principles which govern the activities of the Society.

Bengal, where the Society was formed, has unfortunately done little for the growth of the Society in membership and finance and the only piece of evangelistic work which was being done in Bengal, and that also, in affiliation with the Society, was at St. Andrew's Mission Haluaghat, Mymensingh District. With the partition of Bengal into East Pakistan and West Bengal the need has arisen, with some urgency, for a fresh emphasis on the claims of the Society in the province of its birth.

A small Committee, known as the West Bengal Committee, has been in existence since a short time before the Golden Jubilee in 1955 but its activities have been confined to the collection of monthly subscriptions from a small group of people.

In order to consider afresh the claims of the N. M. S. a public meeting of Calcutta Christians was convened at the Y. M. C. A. 25, Chowringhee on Thursday, 2nd October, 1958 at 10 A. M., when, after a period of devotional music

and singing and of intercession, an address outlining the function and appeal of the N M. S. was delivered by Rev. Dr. C. E. Abraham, Principal of Serampore College.

A Committee was then elected and the West Bengal Branch of the Society constituted. The Committee is an interim committee, consisting of a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and five members. The intention is that when basic rules for the conduct of the Branch have been formulated by this Committee, it will be replaced by another Committee, by election.

N. K. BOSE,
President.

Mr. M. M. MATHAI,

Evangelist, Butwol, Nepal writes :—

"We are limited in many respects. One of the reasons is the language. Both Hindi and Nepali are foreign to us. Then there is the strict law of the Government. Hinduism is being revived in these days. One propaganda the leaders of the religions do is to make people afraid even to come to us. Publicity about us is far more than what we ourselves are doing. They publish many things to create misunderstanding among the common people. Further more, we are not experienced to work in a purely non-Christian area. We need able leadership and guidance.

"One important thing we learnt was to be quiet, slow but strong in prayer and faith, and to be on our knees that the Holy Ghost may work in the hearts of people to find the real Lord, our Great Leader.

"I was thrilled one day when I was asked by an old man who is a big land lord for the sacred writings on Christianity. He had been even to the famous temples in South India. It is our earnest prayer that he may have trust in our Lord Jesus Who will give him real peace and joy of salvation through His blood. His word is a two edged sword which will bring conviction.

"Bro: K. S. Eapen joined me on the 16th of December '58 and we are happy in fellowship and work. We both are trying to learn the language by the help of a friend. The winter is coming to an end and summer is very near. Greetings to all."

PURAM FIELD NEWS

Memorial cum Baptism Service.

On 23rd January 1959, a Memorial Service for the late Miss Jeyamani Taylor cum a special baptism service was arranged in which seven adults and twelve children were baptised. These people are from two villages—Jothimangalam and Kathirimangalam, near Christu-kula Ashram. In preparing these people, the Ashram brothers, N. M. S. workers and one Mr. J. M. Duraisami (retired old Catechist of the Danish Lutheran Church and now a voluntary worker) have all co-operated and much time was spent in prayer for them.

Brother Duraikannu of the Ashram spoke about the late Miss J. Taylor and Dr. E F. Paton gave the message. We thanked God for the services of the late Miss Taylor and felt that her labours were bearing fruit.

From August 1958 up to this date, eleven adults and seven children from Jothimangalam and two adults and five children from Kathirimangalam were baptised. In the former place, there are five Christian families and three Christian young men whose wives will be baptised soon. This means much of pastoral work and the need for an Evangelist to be stationed in Jothimangalam is urgent lest the light that is shining should not be quenched but be brightened up.

S. GNANASUNDARAMANI,
Missionary.

DEPUTATION WORK BY REV. S GNANASUNDARAMANI,

Missionary, Puram Field.

I was asked to visit Wandiwash, Tindivanam and Pondicherry from 26th January to 1st February 1959. This gave me an opportunity to contact old friends of the N.M S. and a few new ones. I found that the love for the Society has not vanished, but it has to be revived by frequent visits by our workers.

In Wandiwash I was able to visit friends in their homes and the Pastor Rev J. Sam Ponniah was good enough to take me to Chetpat where I met Rev. M Swamipillai who was mostly responsible for a Branch in K.G.F.

In Tindivanam I had the opportunity of meeting many known friends and well-wishers of the Society and to visit my old school and teachers and to speak to the pupils in their school assembly. On 1st February, I was asked to give a message in the 78th Anniversary Meeting of the Christian Endeavour Society. I am grateful to Rev. R. J. Sampath, Rev. Titus Ebenezer, Headmaster, the Secretary of the Church and others for their help.

In Villupuram, my old friend Rev. A. S. Chelliah took me round te many homes. He had arranged for me to preach in the English and Tamil Services on 1st February (morning).

I could not visit Pondicherry as there had been a change in the Presbyter in charge of the church who lives in Maduranthakam My tour programme had not reached him.

For a long period no worker of the Society had visited this area and it is necessary that we write to the Pastors and arrange for a longer visit some time

later and renew our contacts. Very few get our magazines and something ought to be done to send more copies to this area.

Thanks to those who helped me a good deal during my visit.

CAMP—PUDUPET

Monthly camp was held from 24th to 27th in Pudupet which is about two miles to the north of Puram. It is not a new place for our missionaries and workers have stayed, worked there and found it to be a bad soil. Even now, response was very poor, but we have a few youngmen who are our enquirers and they attend our services in Ashram and Puram.

We believe that our Lord is opening the way for us in Athiur (where we concentrated this time) which is a furlong away from Pudupet. Raji, Alagesan and Ramasamy are keen enquirers and it is for these the camp was held in Pudupet. In Athiur a few women are anxious to know the Gospel and they requested that we should visit them on all Thursdays (Shandy days) when they will be free. We are praying that our Lord should enable us to visit them regularly and give spiritual food to these hungry souls.

On Sunday 26th the campers visited Puram and took part in the Sunday service. Two youngmen, Samuel Kulandai and Solomon Sanjeevi were baptised. These two belong to Jothimangalam village—near Ashram. They are convinced of their Salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ and have confessed Him as their Lord and Saviour. They have expressed that after accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour they feel courageous to face life and that fear has left them.

We thank God that some of our recent converts regularly attend our camps and are eager to share their experiences with others for christ is weighing heavily on them.

S. Gnanasundaramani.
Missionary.

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THE LATE Mr. P. CHENCHIAH, B.A., M.L.

With deep regret we announce the passing of Mr. P. Chenchiah on 19th April, 1959 He was Judge at Puducottah for decade. He was a leading Indian Christian lawyer who had independent views regarding missionary work, church politics and the part to be played by the Indian Christians in National and other departments of public life in these days. He was a Nationalist to the core. He was a great thinker, scholar and writer and had written some thought-provoking books on religion.

He was a member of the Executive Committee of the N. M. S., for some years and his original thinking and points of view on many matters were greatly appreciated. He was a good public speaker among the Indian Christians and a man of genial temperament.

We convey our sympathy and heart-felt condolence to the members of his family.

THE N. M. S. INSTITUTE OF INDIAN MUSIC

The Members of the Madras Area Committee who met in the N. M. S. House on the 11th of April, 1959 became conscious, among other matters of importance, of the urgency of the need to provide facilities for Christian Youth and adults to take lessons in Indian Music. It was felt that some steps must be taken immediately so that the Christian Nationals of this land of classical music may be acquainted with its technique and melodies with a view to enable them to convey the Gospel to their countrymen through the medium of music.

So, a modest attempt is underway to bring the sublime theme of soul-winning to the high level of the Music of India so that a new channel of evangelisation may be opened out in terms of the cultural and spiritual values of the sections of the people to be approached. It needs no mention what part music plays in promoting piety among religious devotees. In fact, the N. M. S., while outlining its creative policy in furtherance of the aim and object, has already committed itself to undertake this noble task. The time has

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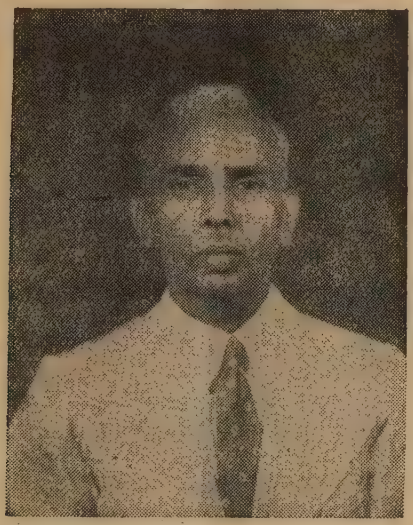
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
Then said I, Here am I; send me.



THE LATE Mr. J. B. MASILLAMANI,

Honorary Treasurer, N.M.S. of India.

MR. MASILLAMANI was born on 15th May 1890 in Tinnevelly Dt. and was educated up to Matriculation in the Mission Schools in the District. Even while young at school, he was greatly interested in church activities and attended religious conferences and had a longing to serve the Lord in

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all possible ways. He had a thorough knowledge of the Bible and was also interested in music.

He joined the Madras Port Trust in 1917. He had three children—two daughters and a son. By dint of hard work and ability, he rose to the position of the Deputy Chief Accountant in the Madras Port Trust which is a very responsible post.....His charming manners, his devotion to duty and hard work won him the love and esteem of his colleagues and superiors.

He was an active member of the Zion Church in Madras for nearly forty years and was also its Treasurer. He was also helping the Madras Diocese in auditing the accounts. He kept the church accounts with scrupulous care and participated in all the church activities with enthusiasm.

He was an ordained lay preacher. His Christian conduct and qualities could be seen from his office and church activities.

He was also the Honorary Treasurer and a member of the Executive and Standing Committees of the N.M.S., for about eight years, and even prior to this, he was helping the Treasurer. His sound advice and careful and systematic method of keeping accounts with a view to economising expenditure led to the decrease of the N.M.S. debt very considerably. His advice and guidance at the meetings were very helpful.

He was a devout Christian and a man of quiet disposition. Till the end, he discharged his duties faithfully as Treasurer and placed the finances of the Society on a sound basis.

His passing on the 11th of April 1959 was sudden. It is indeed a great loss to the N.M.S. We convey our deep sympathy and condolence to his son, daughters and other members of the family and thank God for his selfless life, hard work and fine Christian character.

"I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith:"

NEWS FROM NEPAL

Dear Praying Friends,

GREETINGS in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May I beg your pardon for not letting you all know about the work here. We are very much thankful to you who are faithfully upholding us in prayer. Your prayers will not be in vain for " the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save or His ear dull that it cannot hear ".

The small fellowship group here in Butwal has gone through many difficulties and changes during this short period of one year. It seems that the evil one is doing His level best to defeat us; but glory to the All Powerful Saviour. He says " I am that I am."

By this time you all might have learnt that Miss K. Sircar, the Fellowship Mother, is in Allahabad. She left Butwal about the end of September hoping to return by two months' time. But her weak state of health and the illness of her elder sister prevented her from returning to Butwal. Further, friends in Allahabad were not willing to send her back at such an age. Thus, the fellowship his lost her able leadership. But still her heart is at Butwal and she needs our prayers as she is spendig her time at home.

In order to save some money we moved to another but better house in October last year. At the time of shifting the house-hold articles I was alone. But the Lord did not leave me single-handed. He proved His faithfulness in His promises by providing a high school student to help me. Mathaji (Miss Sircar) had been very much concerned for leaving me alone and so she arranged with the Missionaries of the United Mission to take me with them for about two months where I could learn Nepali language. So I had been in Tansen learning Nepali. The good friends over there provided me with all facilities for the study of the language for which I am very thankful.

Then by December 2nd I returned to Butwal. Another member of the fellowship Mr. K. S. Eapen who had been undergoing some medical training in St. Thomas Hospital, Mahasamund, M.P., understanding the great need of the

field, joined me on 16th December, even before finishing his studies. We celebrated the second Christmas in Butwal. We had some friends with us at that blessed time with whom we could share the joy of Christmas. Among them was Mr. B. B. Shah who joined with us more in spirit of the event.

You may be wanting to know more of Mr. Shah. In these days we are having more time with him. His mother, sisters and some other relatives also are here in Kashauli. We have much freedom to deal with the whole family.

Bro. K. S. Eapen's joining brought new joy and strength to the fellowship. We had closer fellowship since 1953 in studying together in South India Bible Institute, Bangarapet for four years. Even though we wish to witness for our Master here, we are unable to do so due to language difficulty. But the Lord is enabling us to make use of all the opportunities. We were thrilled when few people asked for the Bible. Among them was one Indian who is a teacher in the local High School who had been very anxious to get a copy of the Bible. We are here sent by our Lord and Master to supply the need of such people.

Another important thing for which I request your prayers is about the new Constitution of the Government of Nepal. What little freedom we have at present will be taken away by this. Nepal wants to be purely a Hindu country. Individuals can keep to what faith or religion they want; but nobody is allowed to change his or her faith. That is, all missionary work of propagating Christianity will be stopped.

Let us hope for the best. Our Master's work will not suffer on any account. If all missionary efforts are stopped by law, He will have His chosen Nepali Christians to carry on the work. When the lord takes people in His hands, there is certainty of victorious work. He is not looking for the wise and able ones only. 'For he hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.' (1 Cor. 1 : 27). We are fine.

In His bonds,
M. M. MATHAI & K. S. EAPEN.

NEWS FROM ALLAHABAD

Tour of Kumari M. M. Singh, N.M.S. U.P. Area Secretary and Sri. A. V. Singh, Organising Secretary, North India from February 19th to March 4th 1959.

In the April Issue of the N. M. I. there was a passing reference to our visit to a few places in some of the Northern Districts of Uttar Pradesh. The following is a brief account of our ministry in those places :—

At Shahjahanpur and Lodhipur.

At Shahjahanpur we addressed a meeting at the Methodist Youth Fellowship Institute for Councillors which happened to start that very day, and the students and the staff of the Girls' School. At Lodhipur Sri A. V. Singh spoke to the Christian Staff of the Girl's School on the aims, objects and achievements of the N. M. S. and I addressed the students at the Chapel. Sri Pratab Mani, Headmaster of the Lodhipur Middle School was nominated to act as Secretary. At both these places, the Christians were alerted and Sri S. K. Mall, a teacher in a local Boys' School who had been nominated as Secretary by Sri A. V. Singh at his last visit to Shahjahanpur but who had done nothing till then promised to organise the N. M. S. Branch in the near future. Several friends also assured us of their support. Rev. Mahboob Masih, Pastor of the Methodist Church and Kumari S. Rohan Singh, Lady Evangelist made our stay most comfortable.

At Bareilly and Kareli

We were given opportunity to give messages in the Methodist Christ Church, Kaviganj Church and Clara Swain Hospital Chapel. We also addressed the Nursing Staff of the Hospital, the Students and Stafl of the Union Theological Seminary and the Mission Girls' School. We made every endeavour to awaken the Christians to their main task of evengelising India and to support the cause of the N M.S. Rev. D. S. Chawdhri, Principal of the Seminary, Rev. Khyalie, District Superintendent and Rev. Sant Ram, Priest in the Kaviganj Church evinced keenness and promised to do their best for the N. M. S.

At Kareli we met Rev. C. Murray Rogers of the 'Jyotiniketan' who received us cordially, showed keen interest in the N. M. S. and accepted from me with pleasure a copy of the Proceedings of the Council Meetings held at Tiruvalla and a copy of the NMS Constitution. After spending a couple of hours in the peaceful and quiet surroundings of 'Jyotiniketan' we bade good-bye to Rev. and Mrs. Murry Rogers.

At Moradabad.

We visited a good number of Christians in their homes and addressed the boarders in the Nathaniel Jordan Hostel attached to the Parker Inter College, Members of the Executive Committee of the N. M. S. Branch, Congregations of the Dang City Church, Hartala Ry. Colony and the gathering in the Pentecostal Prayer Hall. In addition, I spoke to the members of the W. S. C S. group on the Christian duties of women and the part they ought to play in the evengelisation of India.

The NMS Branch had been made aware of its duties and responsibilities and the members assured us that they would be more active in future. Sri Charan Singh, Secretary, and Sri I. A. Charan, President, took the trouble of accompanying us to all the places we visited.

At Saharanpur.

We delivered messages in the U. C. N. I. Church and the Theological Seminary of which Dr. N. Talibuddin is the Principal. It was a point of interest for the Congregation to know that the one-time N. M. S. Field at Sarsawa in this District is now amalgamated in the United Church of Northern India jurisdiction. Dr. Talibuddin who had in the past acted for a couple of years as the NMS Organising Secretary confirmed the statement about the Field at Sarsawa and along with Rev. Boyd of the Theological Seminary drew up a list of the names of Christian friends who were willing to organise themselves into a Branch. I am sure the meeting must have been called at a more convenient time for the formation of the Branch.

At Roorkee.

A general meeting of the Christians convened at the Mission Girls' School was addressed by both of us. Several friends became interested and after the meeting, organised a Branch with the following Office Bearers :—

President :—Rev. Irfan-ul-Haqq. Priest-in-Charge.

Vice-President :—Kumari D. Matthews, Manager, Girls' School.

Secretary :—Sri D. Theophilus, a Layman.

I was also given an opportunity to address the students and staff of the Mission Girls' School at the Chapel while Sri A. V. Singh formed contacts with the Christians living in the S. P. G. Compound accompanied by Rev. Irfan-ul-Haqq.

General Remarks.

In all the places visited by us we contacted Christians in their homes and brought home to them the need of supporting the N. M. S. by their prayers, personal ministry and money. At Bareilly, a young lady Doctor and a student of the Seminary offered their services to the Society. At Moradabad a recent Convert showed his interest and offered himself for the ministry. Sri A. V. Singh sold out nearly Rs. 40/- worth of Gospel portions, New Testaments and the Bible throughout his journey. We were very warmly received in all the places and our hostesses made our stay most comfortable. We are deeply indebted to them for all their kindness and love.

KUMARI M. M. SINGH.
Hon'y Secretary,
N. M. S. U. P. Area

N. M. S. U. P. Area.

Report on the meeting of the N. M. S., U. P. Area Committee held on April 3, 1959.

The annual meeting of the N. M. S., U. P. Area Committee was held at the Christian Tract and Book Society, Allahabad, on April 3, 1959. Rev. Paul Das, President, was in the chair.

The Hon'y Secretary of the U. P. Area Committee reported that there were 20 N. M. S. Branches in U. P. The Branches in Roorkee and Saharanpur were in the making.

Rev. Paul Das gave a gist of the Proceedings of the N. M. S. Triennial Conference which was held at Tiruvalla (Kerala) from Sept. 10 to 14, 1958. The points on which he laid emphasis are the following :—

1. Keynote of the Conference—"Forward Policy" of the N. M. S. of India.
2. Concentration on workers, opening of new Fields and feeding the workers through the Study, Training and Research Centres with Libraries attached.
3. Enlisting of more Christians to come forward to help in promoting the cause of the N. M. S.
4. Active work among the Youth to make the Church stronger within 10 years.
5. Arousing of Churches through deputation work.
6. Acceptance of voluntary service but paid full-time workers to be engaged.

It is reported for general information that the Conference appointed Rev. Paul Das as the Hon'y Associate General Secretary for North India.

The U. P. Area Committee gave its final approval for opening a new N. M. S. Field among the Tharoos who live in the Tribal Area Bordering India and Nepal, with Headquarters in the District of Bahraich. While the All-India Standing Committee of the N. M. S. of India has given

its sanction, negotiations are still proceeding with the authorities of the Methodist Mission.

It was also resolved that the Hon'y Secretary should study the needs and possibilities of having a Study Training and Research Centre in North India in order to make it as self-sufficient as South India.

The Office-bearers unanimously elected for 1959–60 are :—

President :—Rev. Paul Das.
Vice-Prrsident .—Srimati B. R. James.
Hon'y Secretary:—Kumari M. M. Singh

The readers of the N. M. I. are requested to pray earnestly for the All-Out National efforts to evangelise India and to support the cause of the National Missionary Society with PUTRADAN and SAMPATTIDAN.

(KUMARI) M. M. SINGH
Hon'y Secretary.
N. M. S., U. P. Area.

N. M. S. U. P. Area.

Dear Reader of the N. M. I.,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you, in continuation of the News Item in the April issue that our N. M. S. Branch at Gonda (UP) has been able to compose all its differences and has now taken a bold step to serve our Lord and Saviour in the right spirit. It is gratifying to hear from Rev. Singh, District Superintendent, District Gonda, that at the time of the visit of Rev. Paul Das, Hon'y Associate General Secretary, North India and Sri A. V. Singh, Organising Secretary, to Gonda in the last week of January 1959, house to house visits were arranged and conducted by Sri G. K. Nelson and Sri A. A. R. Cristiene, and the evening meeting of the members was convened through the efforts of these two gentlemen and Sri Daniel Khan, Secretary of the Branch.

I am giving below replies to my Queries received from Sri Daniel Khan, Secretary :—

1. Names of the Office-bearers :—

   President :—Sri A. E. Yeoward.
   Vice-President :—Sri J. A. Archer.
   Treasurer :—Srimati D. M. Archer.
   Secretary :—Sri Daniel Khan.

2. Total No. in the Branch 56.

3. Total monthwise collections from April 1958 to March 1959. Rs. 62.75 nP.

4. Total amount of collections sent to the Hon'y Treasurer, N. M. S. of India, Madras.

   Rs. 32.96 nP. apart from Rs. 07.01 nP. sent on account of collections made in connection with the celebrations of the N.M.S. Week.

   Collection of March 1959 will be remitted in April '59.

5. Activities of the Branch :—

   A meeting was organised in open ground on 8-3-'59 when Sri J. U. Singh, an Evangelist from Biswan addressed the gathering. About 20 Non-Christians attended the meeting apart from 35 Christians.

   Visitations of families of Christians are done regularly by the members of the Executive Committee and the Bands of the N.M.S. specifically organised for the purpose. Regular Bands of N.M.S. workers visited the Christian families on 7-3-'59, 15-3-'59 and 22-3-'59 and made a DRIVE to enrol new members after explaining to them the aims and objects of the N.M.S. On account of this DRIVE, the membership and the monthly subscriptions have considerably increased during the months of February and March '59.

6. Nominee to the Area Committee recommended : Sri Daniel Khan.

Let us thank God for this encouraging report and pray to Him for His blessings upon the N.M.S. Branch at Gonda.

(Kumari) M. M. SINGH.
Hon'y Secretary,
N.M.S., U.P. Area.

KHRISTPANTHI ASHRAM

Varanasi 1958.

(a) THE Ashram (founded in 1930 and reorganised in 1947) is situated in the thick of Hindu population at Dashashwamedh—the principal and central ghat for bathing. It lies between the river Ganga and the main Temple of Visvanath. For a bath in Ganga and a darshan of Visvanath, Hindus of all sects and from all parts of India—both educated men of towns and cities and illiterate villagers—come to this their Holy City and chief pilgrim centre. The population of Varanasi is over half a million—the majority staying for religious purposes. On account of hundreds of temples, a unique riverfront, the famous Buddhist centre of Sarnath and the extensive and beautiful modern Hindu University—Varanasi draws to itself, besides pilgrims and religious persons, an incessant stream of international tourists and scholars.

(b) Roughly for a century several foreign missions such as the C.M.S., L.M.S., the Z.BM., and a little later on, the N.M.S. and more recently the R. Catholics have been labouring here. But for a long time, their life and methods of work have become stereotyped. Conditions in the life of Hindus have greatly changed and are changing. Under the circumstances, work of Christian witness and humanitarian service should be conducted on Ashram lines by younger men of the Kingdom endowed with adequate knowledge of Hindu faith and culture. The leader of this Ashram who has gladly and freely witnessed here for well nigh thirty years is advancing in years. He would be happy to see other parties come and occupy the field for fruitful work amidst wonderful opportunities. Such work will be along line of the tradition and genius of India and therefore more intelligently appreciated and responded to.

(c) Briefly the daily routine of work and discipline is as follows :—

(1) 8 a.m. Work hour.

(2) 9 a.m. Corporate prayers and Bible Study.

(3) Open time for visitors, or study of Hinduism and evangelism or excursion.

(4) 1-3 p.m. silence and rest.

(5) 5 to 7-30 p.m. Open for visitors, or outside work.

(6) 7-30 p.m. evening worship.

(7) 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. silence.

(d) Due to age and demands of other types of service, I have reduced open air work to a minimum. This should be the concern of younger workers. An increasing number of Hindus, both men and women, have come to the Ashram for prayer and Bible Study or to borrow books from the Library which is also being slowly reduced. Bibles and New Testaments in English, Hindi and Bengali have sold well. A number of younger Christians have regularly joined Sunday worship and study at sunset.

(e) In October and November, for six weeks, Hinduism in its various aspects, both theoretical and practical and the Christian approach were studied with sixteen students in three batches. They came from various States in North and East India.

(f) In addition to attending meetings such as North India Christian Tract and Book Society (Allahabad), Puri Ashram Committee (Calcutta), U.P. Christian Council (Lucknow), I paid several visits to Delhi, Rajnandan Gaon and Mahasamund (M.P.), Jamshedpur, Bihar, Bolpur, Serampore, Calcutta, Sundarban villages, Khargpur (W.B.), Puri (2 months) Ashram (Orissa) in the interests of the Ashram and indigenous church movements.

Through the grace of God I kept exceptionally good health during the year though it was full of strenuous activities. Please pray especially for the future of the Ashram and the work in Varanasi.

R. C. DAS,
(Sevak-Pramukh)

Miss E. L. JOSHUA'S VISIT TO ANDHRA PRADESH

Rajahmundry

MISS JOSHUA visited Rajahmundry on the 17th of February and gave a series of addresses from the 18th to 20th. She addressed the girls of the Lutheran High School and Swanson Memorial Bible Training School where there was good response. A public meeting at inter-denominational level was arranged and four American missionaries were present. Dr. G. Devasahayam, one of the Vice Presidents of the general N. M. S. was good enough to arrange for these meetings, and we are glad to know that the meetings were well-attended. A collection in appreciation of the work of the N. M. S. was given to Miss Joshua.

Masulipatam

Miss Joshua arrived at Masulipatam and started work on the 21st of February. She addressed the students of the Sharkey Memorial Girls Middle and Training School and the Noble High School. The next day she addressed the local Y.W.C.A. and explained how women could help in the N. M. S. work. On Sunday at St. Andrew's Church she preached and gave a descriptive account of the work of the N. M. S. dealing with Jawadi Hill work. On Monday and Tuesday she visited some friends at their homes.

It is gratifying to note that Dr. Mrs. Rose Victor had offered her services for about a month during summer in Jawadi Hills.

Miss Joshua also addressed the clergy of the Krishna and Godavari Diocese and exhorted them to support the N. M. S. cause.

Sholinghur, N. Arcot Dt.

Miss Joshua visited Sholinghur on 23rd, 24th and 25th January. She gave many inspiring talks to the various groups of the Sholinghur Church. She also preached at the Church and gave the challenge of the N. M. S., in response to which some young men and women had dedicated for missionary cause.

Sholinghur friends would also be running a Camp in summer at which office-bearers of the Branch would be elected.

Miss Joshua also visited some Christian homes and a village centre. Her visit was really worth-while.

A PRAYER CIRCULAR FROM THE REGIONS BEYOND

Dear Friends,

GREETINGS in the name of the Lord who saw the multitude and was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

A call from the mountains of Nepal has been ringing in our ears and hearts for the last three years and we did bow our heads and consecrated our lives for the cause of evangelism in this unreached area. Three years of praying and thinking together led us to form a group consisting Messers N. V. Mathew, Vazhoor; K. M. Mammen, Kavungumpreyar and N. V. Chacko, Piravanthur and all three from Kerala.

Having finished the Bible training in the South India Bible Institute, Bangarapet and compounding course in Vellore, Mr. N. V. Mathew came to the United Mission Hospital, Katmandu to prepare himself for the group work in Nepal, with his wife who is a trained nurse. Mr. K. M. Mammen, after his seminary work in the South India Bible Institute went to work in Kumta, North Kanara and is looking forward to join the group soon. Mr. N. V. Chacko, after graduating from the Bible School and visiting some of the Ashrams and missionary centres came to Katmandu, Nepal.

Recently, Mr. Chacko visited Dang, Sallian District of West Nepal with Rev. C. G George of a Christa Santhi Sangh, with the idea of finding out a needy place of service for the group. We saw a great multitude without ever hearing once the name of the Saviour, living under all

superstitions and spiritual darkness. These places are selected for our group to work though there are many inconveniences hindering us to reach these regions beyond. We hope to begin our work in these hills of Nepal soon.

We do covet your faithful and continuous prayers on behalf of this pioneer effort that we may be given :

"The love that leads the way,
The faith that nothing can dismay
The hope no disappointment tire;
The passion that will burn like fire."

that we may not "sink to be a clod" but He may make us His "fuel, flames of God"

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Unless you pray and back us up, we may not have the needed strength from above, to push forward in the battle-front amidst opposing forces. In a country where people worship everything but God, and where atheistic influences threaten the thought-life of the multitude, where Christ is not heard or preached, should we not take up the challenge and *do* something *now*, "before the night cometh when no man can work" even if we will want work then. Doors are swung open that His News be given and let us back up these who have gone out in faith that He leadeth the way, for when "He puteth forth His sheep, He goeth before them" Do you feel that God wants you to do something for this cause of evangelism in Nepal, that He wants you to be one who stands in the back-lines, and if so, let us rally around and do our part. For further information about the group and the work, to know what you can do for this, please contact Mr. N. V. Mathew, United Mission Hospital, Shanta Bhavan, Katmandu, Nepal.

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Yours in His precious Service,
N. V. CHACKO,
N. V. MATHEW,
K. M. MAMMEN.

Katmandu
March 25, '59.

N. M. S. WORK AT SHAHDOL

IT is a matter for thankfulness that we have a well-knit Christian fellowship to live and function in the N.MS. House at Shahdol. Apart from the day to day ministry of the medical staff, there have been remarkable answers to prayer and not a few are being drawn to faith in Jesus Christ. The prayer of our people since New Year Day has been that as a result of their ministry, souls be drawn to Christ. Dr. Ramabai Gopal reports with great thankfulness how one after another has been drawn to believe in Jesus Christ as his or her personal Saviour. Those who have felt the healing power of Jesus in answer to prayer have gone with a new understanding of Jesus and continue to seek our fellowship in Bible reading and prayer. The reality of their faith is seen also in their eagerness to witness what the Lord has done to them, and they bring also their friends to the Sunday worship, and more often to the Sunday evening fellowship meetings for singing, reading the Word and praying to the Lord. Not only Hindus and Muslims but even Christians who come into contact with the dynamic faith of our N.M.S. Fellowship go with a changed heart and a new determination to witness to the Lord, which they have not previously done. This believing group stands in need of our prayer. Their faith is strengthened as they fast and pray. This is a challenge to N.M.S. friends all over, so that they in their own life may realise the power of dynamic faith in Christ and the certainty of God's power being realised in answer to earnest believing prayer.

Those who wish to know more details of those who are being thus drawn and pray for them can ask for more details by writing to the doctor or to the undersigned. Our main problem is that not individuals but families be drawn into the Church, for our early experience of receiving into the Church only individuals has not been very encouraging. Your prayers are solicited that the efforts of these believers to win their kith and kin be blessed of the Lord. Our main objective is to take the Gospel into the interior. Mr. Chandra Basu Rao will soon return from the States and take over this work, and N. M. S. friends are requested to pray for proper helpers being found and that Mr. Rao be guided in selecting the right centres of work as he goes on foot from village to village to contact the people of the interior.

J. D. ASIRVADAM.

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come now to implement the long neglected dynamic programme, that is "TO CREATE AND DEVISE METHODS WHEREBY EVANGELISATION CAN BE CARRIED ON IN CONSONANCE WITH THE GENIUS AND CULTURE OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE." It is therefore fitting that practice in Indian Music, both vocal and instrumental, may be done under the auspices and in the name of "THE N. M. S. INSTITUTE OF INDIAN MUSIC."

It was resolved that Sri C. P. Michael, Vice President of the Area Committee, assisted by its musically inclined members be requested to launch a scheme for conducting musical classes during the ensuing summer vacation, as an initial step. This may be done in one or two centres with qualified instructors according to the number of applicants from different parts of the city and the suburbs.

Accordingly, a syllabus is being drawn up for three courses, both vocal and instrumental i.e., Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced.

The blessings of Bishop, The Rt. Rev. D. Chellappa, D.D. are solicited and the support of the Presbyters and Lay-leaders of the city is requested.

Applications for admission to the various courses may be addressed to the Director, The N. M. S. Institute of Indian Music, N. M. S. House, Peter's Road, Royapettah, Madras-14.

G. SOLOMON,
President.
Madras Area Committee

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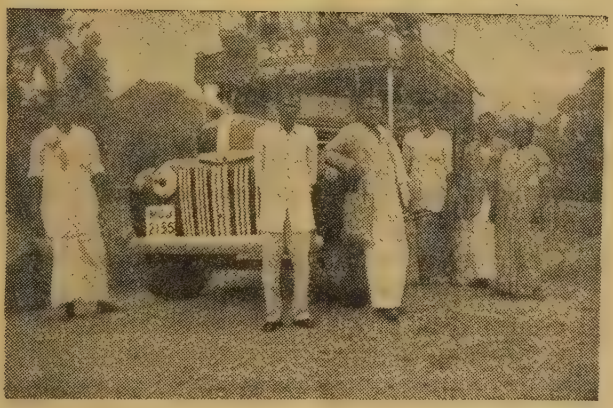

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PRAYER TOPICS

Let us thank God:

For the proceedings of the Standing Committee of the N.M.S. which met at Madras in April '59 and considered prayerfully the problems and the future work of the Society;

For the growing interest of the members of the Madras Area Committee and their visit to the fields in the Tiruppattur area, especially Jawadi Hills; with a view to further the aim of the Society.

For the good response to the lenten appeal issued by the Madras Area Committee;

For the guidance to the members of the U. P. Area Committee to open a field in the North;

For leading our two young evangelists in Nepal to continue the good work in spite of several handicaps;

For the life and service of the late Mr. J. B. Masillamani, and Mr. P. Chenchiah.

Let us pray:

That one more couple may join the work in Jawadi hills;

That God may pour His Holy Spirit on all the Churches in India that they may realise their missionary obligation;

That God may bless all the summer camps held in the different parts of India;

That God may be pleased to send a Treasurer for the N. M. S.

That the activities of our missionaries and workers may abundantly be blessed.

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"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
Then said I, Here am I; send me.

WHITSUNDAY 1959

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Whitsunday is the festival of the Holy Spirit and the festival of the Church. For these two belong together. St. Paul states that relationship in these words:

"For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, Jews or Greeks, slaves and free..." (I Cor. 12:13)

The Holy Spirit has created the Church. The Holy Spirit is the life of the Church to-day. As we pray that the Holy Spirit may come into our own lives, we pray at the same time that we may become living members of the one Body of Christ.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of unity, which is constantly at work to heal the divisions which obscure the wonderful truth of the oneness of Christ's Body and which gathers all the baptized together into the one family of God.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of renewal, which overcomes the dimness of vision, the routine of our piety, our easy acceptance of the ways of the world and gives new life to the congregations and their members who open their hearts and minds for the gifts of the Spirit.

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The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of witness and mission which urges us to cease being pre-occupied with ourselves and sends us out into the world with its crying spiritual and material needs in order to proclaim by word and deed that humanity is surrounded by the love of God in Christ.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of reconciliation which overcomes misunderstanding and estrangement among the churches and enables them to become a force for peace between nations and races.

Let us therefore rejoice in the presence of God's Holy Spirit. Let us witness anew to His all-transforming power. Let us glorify God and enjoy the fruits of His Spirit who has come to lead us to greater fullness of life, this day and evermore.

A prayer by Archbishop William Temple:

O blessed Jesus, Love and Truth of God incarnate, cleanse us from all that hinders or distorts our vision of Thee. So fill us with trust in Thee that we cease from our striving and rest in Thee. Thou, Light of the world, so shine in our hearts that the rays of Thy brightness, now known to us in our separation, may be gathered into the pure radiance of Thy glory manifested through us in our unity in Thee. Thou, Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, wash our spirits clean from sin. By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation; by Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat, by Thy Cross and Passion, by Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost, unite us with Thyself and in Thyself one with another, that we may be one with and in Thee as Thou art one with the Father, that the world may believe that Thou art its Saviour, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Devotional.

IS CONSCIOUS PERSONAL FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST A REALITY?

YES, it is a reality. It is the only answer that can be given to the question. That is Christianity. 'Abide in me and I in you' were the words used by Christ to express the normal relationship between Him and His disciples. We

happen to think of this problem as there are many people who feel lonely, forsaken, isolated and loneliness is a great fear. All the evidence in the Bible shows that a believer in Christ has been assured of His presence with him in daily life. At no time can a disciple of Christ feel deserted and lonely. The Words of St. Paul are final in this respect—Christ liveth in me, Christ dwelleth in your hearts, we are in Christ. St. John, the apostle says we know that we abide in Him and He in us. The union with Christ is so close that a Christian can say, Christ dwells in me and I in Him. This is Christian experience.

The twelve disciples of Christ were extremely fortunate in their experience of Him. They lived with Him. They travelled with Him over Judea, Samaria and Galilee. They witnessed His miracles and finally they were witnesses of his crucifixion and resurrection. They saw Him and had personal and living experience of Him. That kind of experience can never be repeated again. He said,

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." On the day of Pentecost when they were "filled with the Holy Ghost" they knew that Jesus Christ was as humanly available to them as He was when alive. The apostle Peter writing to the followers of Christ could say that they loved Him, whom they had not seen. That is the privilege of every Christian. We did not live in the first century when He lived on the earth but at all times He is with us because He is still alive. The faith, which makes the Christian conscious of this, is the only kind of faith worth having. We long always for some one as a kind of help, protection and guidance. Christ is all this to His children. Many are afraid that they are alone! They are not helped by friends, relations and others, but He is there to help. In a new place one feels lonely and unhappy because one is a stranger but the presence of Christ in the heart is a never-failing presence. When Christ was in his agony in the garden of Gethsemene we read,

"And there appeared an angel with Him
from heaven, strengthening Him."

As Elijah slept under the juniper tree, having travelled from Beersheba into the wilderness as Jezebel had vowed that the life of Elijah would be like that of one of the prophets of Baal he had killed, an angel touched him, and said unto him,

"Arise and eat."

The presence of these angels is a symbol of the presence of Christ in His disciples. This consciousness can be developed in various ways, first, by reading the Gospels carefully. Most young people read their Bible early in the morning before their chota or before they dress for college or for office in a great hurry and it is useless. If one wants to read the life of Christ seriously, and if one wants to inwardly digest the words, one must read the words slowly, deliberately. The Bible must be taken by every one to his office or college. If you are unhappy, if some one talks rudely, or if your colleagues are planning against you, read portions of the Bible on such occasions—the beatitudes, the story of the rich young ruler or the narrative of Christ's visit to the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany. The Bible must be read for at least an hour a day. Secondly, prayer is one of the methods of feeling the conscious presence of Christ. Here also let there be no hurry. Let us pray for our enemies, for our erring friends, for our loved ones and for ourselves. There is the story of a lady who prayed,

> O God, do thou take care of thy
> servant, her husband and children.
> About others she does not trouble thee.

Much time must be spent in praying for others in addition for ourselves.

A third way of learning to feel the personal presence of Christ is companionship with saintly people. For real companionship we must go to a God-fearing man who has the spirit of Christ. Otherwise we will hear much ill-spoken of against others and we come back worse than when we set out to seek guidance. Lastly, regular worship at Church is a great help. With King David we must behold the fair beauty of the Lord.

We often miss the presence of God at Church where sinners and saints have prayed for blessing because our minds are full of evil thoughts against people in the Church. The worldliness and vulgarity which we find everywhere should not make us miss His presence in the company of believers. Christ meant what he said,

> Lo, I am with you Always
> even unto the end of the World. —(Guardian)

AMONG THE STUDENTS

Dear Praying Friends :

Once again I would like to use this God-given opportunity to share with you all some of our burdens and blessings from KUMTA, one of the mission fields of North Kanara. For a long time I was looking forward to get a chance to work among the students of the Kanara College, Kumta, which is the only college for the whole District of North Kanara.

During the past years God had provided us splendid opportunities to deal with the young students of the Agriculture Institute of this town, though they belonged to various castes, both high and low. Many students who passed through the Institute still remember us and the messages they had heard in their School days. One Mr. A. S. Naik who entered Government Service after his studies used to write to us often. We do thank God for those with whom we have had contacts.

This academic year we were fortunate to have ten students from Kerala attending the Kanara College. Three of them were Marthomites, two Jacobites, and others were Catholics and Hindus; but all were attending our Saturday prayer meeting in the College hostel. We met regularly for prayer and fellowship every Saturday night. Many of these attended our Church Services, though not regularly. Thank God for each one of these young people. Let God use them for His glory.

I should make special mention of Mr. Abbey who was so helpful to arrange for our meetings. He often welcomed us to his room for spiritual feast with a sweet smile on his face. He had such an influence among students that he could attract non-Christian students to our group. Finally, when he had left us, he handed over to me portions of the Bible and tracts for distribution. He was very zealous in distributing Christian literature to his fellow-students. Is this not a challenge to others? Is this not a challenge to missionaries? India needs such dynamic students in our colleges and schools. All of the students will be off soon, but our prayers are with them.

Will you kindly pray for these students whom we have contacted in the Name of the Lord and claimed them

for His Kingdom? All of them are coming from very rich families of Kerala. Let the Lord make them spiritually rich also.

We do praise God for sending two more evangelists to work with us in this area. One of them may have to go back to continue his Seminary studies. The other may stay longer. We will be missing very much Mr K. M. Mammen who served the Lord here a little less than four years. He left us last week to join a small group in West Nepal. May the Lord bless him with numerous souls. We wish him all success and a good harvest for the Master. Let me stop with this thought that we meet to part and part to meet and the glorious life ever lived is the life lived in obedience to God.

Jai Christ.

K. T. GEORGE

NEWS FROM MISS E. L. JOSHUA,

Organising Secretary, South India.

I visited Medak recently and addressed a Women's Fellowship meeting of the Medak Pastorate and the Seminary students of both the sexes about the work done in Nepal, Puri and Jawadi Hills. The staff and students of the Co-educational High School who were contacted gave a donation of Rs. 10/-. The Christians of Medak were happy to hear about the N.M.S.

Kakinada.

I spent a week in Kakinada in February and addressed the Christian youth—groups—men and women. The attendance and enthusiasm at each meeting were good. A Branch was organised.

It was decided that each member should pay not less than four annas as monthly subscription and honorary persons were appointed to collect subscriptions in the different areas.

Bapatla.

An N.M.S. Branch was started here in December 1958. I was told that the first Saturday every month was fixed as N.M.S. Prayer Day. On the 12th April the Prayer Day

was observed in the Zion Church, Bapatla and Pastor P. Joseph, Mr. Paul and Mr. Rajaratnam spoke on the occasion. A special collection amounting to Rs. 32/8 was taken. May God bless and strengthen the branch. My grateful thanks to all friends and members who had made suitable arrangements for my visit.

KATTERI FIELD NEWS

THE time is ripe for leading the keen enquirers into the fold of Christ. Two volunteers Elia Chennan and Samraj are a great help to me in this piece of work. They came with me to Mindapet where I camped recently and their witness really strengthened the faith of our new converts, and the catechumens there. Samraj distributes Christian tracts daily, spends much of his time in meeting enquirers and he is keen to spread the Gospel. Dawood (Muslim Catechumen) receives almost daily Bible teachings from Samraj. Dawood is quite prepared to confess Christ openly through baptism, but he will be thrown out of work soon after his baptism. He is now boldly witnessing for Christ in his family circle and as a result he is now facing persecution in a mild form.

Elia Chennan constantly goes to Nynampatty village and the people there welcome him most warmly. One young man was learning Christian truths from him for the past one year and this man was baptised a few weeks ago receiving the new name, Devadoss. When I talked to his wife again and again about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, she showed signs of belief in Jesus. I am sure we will be able to help her, by the grace of God, to grow in faith.

At Ettikuppam there is a Catechumen by name Munusamy, the head of the family. He owns enough lands to maintain his family. Six months ago, when he had an attack of tuberculosis, he sought the help of Elia to pray for him and he experienced miraculous cure of the disease by the healing power of Jesus Christ. Ever since, he is drawn towards Christ and attends Sunday worship in the Christukula Ashram coming from a distance of 12 miles. I visited his home and spoke to his wife about the love of God revealed through Jesus Christ. She responded very well. Elia visits them periodically and both husband and wife are preparing themselves for baptism D. V. on Whit Sunday.

Jeyammal, a widow aged 24 who has studied up to 7th Standard was a T. B. patient in the C. K. Ashram hospital for a long time. There she heard of Jesus Christ and gave her heart to him. Ashram brothers were giving her all the necessary Christian teaching. Finally, I prepared her for baptism and she was baptised on Easter Day at Katteri. She is with her mother now at Goudamapet and boldly witnesses for Christ amongst her relatives.

Let me request all our N.M·S. friends to pray earnestly for our catechumens, converts and volunteers.

R. GNANADIKAM.

OUR MINISTRY AT KUTTATHOOR, JAWADI HILLS.

WE are grateful to the Almighty for keeping us hale and healthy to continue the work on these hills. At Kalyanamanthai, two old women, Muthi and Kuppu by name told us that they had faith in Jesus Christ. In the same village a man named Ooran Pusi was at his death bed. When I prayed earnestly for his recovery, he made improvement in his state of health.

At Velichanur, a man called Raman has given up idol worship and believes in the Lord. Three children from this village attend our Night classes. Every month, on an average 20 sick people are given simple medicine and also told about Jesus Christ.

In March Rev. R. Gnanadikam and Jeya Annan visited and encouraged us. During Good Friday and Easter, Brother Victor was with us and we are grateful to him for all his help.

We feel that two more Christian families should come and reside here and carry on Gospel work.

Kindly remember us in your prayers.

Mr. & Mrs. P. R. SAMUEL,
Evangelists, Jawadi Hills.

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Hony. Gnl. Secy. Tour	...	426	66
,, Asst. ,, ,,	...	188	51
All India Council	...	2360	44
School of Hinduism	...	300	00
Gospel Team	...	323	83
Org. Secretary. S. India	...	2644	08
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Literature	...	3381	89
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Income over expenditure		3651	40
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L. N. M. S. Budget for 1959–'60

		Receipts	Expenditure
General	...	35500 00	35500 00
Special Building	...	20000 00	20000 00
Total Rs.		55500 00	55500 00

THE INDIAN CHURCH MUSIC IN THE MAKING

By C. P. Michael.

It is essential for the Indian Church Music to develop on Indigenous lines. The official support of the N.M.S. for this enterprise has been hailed as the turning point in its life history. Since its genesis more than half-a-century ago, there have been many attempts in the making of the Indian Church Music by independent agencies such as the Y.M.C.A. all over India.

It is therefore befitting the policy of the N. M. S. — a pioneer evangelical body-to give a fillip for the growth of the melody of the Church worship in India. It has indeed earned the goodwill of the young and old of the Church congregations in Madras for having taken the initiative to provide musical background for Church services and devotional gatherings. There is an expectancy of the build up of a model orchestra to accompany the Gospel Team to tour round the country. This attempt of great things for God's glory was welcomed by the leaders who took part in the inaugural function presided over by the Rev. Arul Thangiah.

This function went off well on the 2nd May, 1959 at St. Paul's High School, Vepery, Madras. It was attended by a representative gathering of Lutheran and C.S.I. congregations. In spite of the strenuous work of the school, its Principal Rev. S. Christudoss graced the occasion along with his staff members. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. D. D. Peter Devadoss, a scion of Vedanayaga Sastriar of Tanjore, Mr. V. A. Chandran accepted the eleventh hour invitation to inagurate the function as the cause was very dear to him and Mrs. Chandran. So also Mr. D. D. Anugraham, M.A.,B.D., readily consented to bless the proceedings with his inspiring talk. All these patrons, in their addresses stressed the need for a movement to stimulate the Christian worship and make it popular among our countrymen.

According to Rev. Arul Thangiah, the gift of music has grown with the growth of Tamil literature for over twenty centuries. The religion of the people lives by the poetry sung in suitable melodies. Christianity will gain importance in India by taking to the musical legacy. It is an accepted fact that the living Church is a singing Church but the singing Church may become lifeless because its melody and rythms are in forms that are strange to the musical genius of the land.

By years of practice and demonstrations, it is possible for the Christian students of Indian Church Music to develop a new symphony in the sphere of the Music of India.

In furtherance of the hope raised in the inaugural proceedings of the Indian Church Music, the instructors and leaders of Sunday Schools met in the N. M. S. House on the 13th May and drew up a common syllabus for classes to be held in three Centres: (1) N. M. S. House, Royapettah, (2) St. Paul's High School, Vepery and (3) C.S.I, Davidson Street, George Town. The classes will commence at 5-30 p.m. on two alternate days from the 21st May, 1959. The following have come forward to take lessons:

Mrs. Janamma David,
Kumari Saraswathi Thiruvengadaiah
,, Saraswathi Thiruvengadaiah
,, Sarojini Arulanandam
Smt. Vijayalakshmi ammal

Printed application forms are available and they will be registered with an entrance fee of 25 n.Ps. Parents and Presbyters are requested to co-operate with the organisers and instructors by encouraging their children and congregation members to attend these classes.

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Walter Sutton Page Linguistic Prize.

The annual examination for the above named prize will be held in October, 1959, provided a sufficient number of candidates present themselves. Any holder of the B. D. degree of Serampore College (University) whose mother tongue is a language of India, Pakistan or Ceylon and who has not already won the prize, may register.

The prescribed texts for 1959 are—

St. Luke Chapters 22–23 and Epistle to the Philippians.

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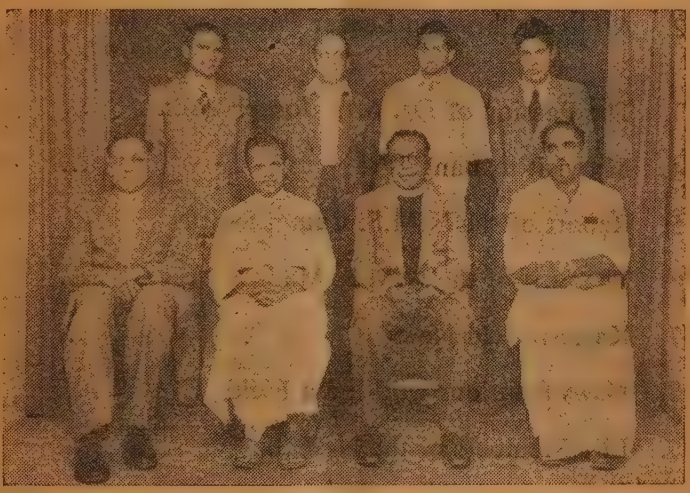

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"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
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CHRISTIAN HUMILITY

TRUE humility is a rare quality, even among Christians. And yet it should be the very first thing noticed about believers— their outward mark and sign. In commenting in 'Ellicott's Commentary on the Whole Bible' on 1 Peter 5:5, 'Be clothed with humility', Dr. Alfred Plummer says: 'The Greek verb ("be clothed") is a rare and curious one. It means properly, "tie yourselves up in humility". Humility is to be gathered tight around about us like a cloak, and *tied up* so that the wind may not blow it back, nor the rain beat inside it. But there is a still further and more delicate shade of meaning in the word. There was a peculiar kind of cape, well known by a name taken from this verb (we might call it a "tie-up"), and this kind of cape was worn by slaves, and no others. It was a badge of servitude. Thus Peter bids them all gird themselves for one another in a slave's "tie-up" of humility. None are to be masters in the Church of Christ.' In a letter to one of the staff of *The Sunday School Times*, Mr Edgar Ainslie, who will be remembered for his series of articles and book on 'The Dawn of the Scarlet Age', writes that, in a meeting room of one of the Assemblies of the Brethren in Canada, a significant sign is displayed. It reads, 'Keep Low. Go Slow. Don't Blow'. Its admonitions are well supported by the Scriptures, and may be heeded by all of us with profit.

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Keep Low—'Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time' (1 Pet. 5 : 6).

Go Slow—'Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath : for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God' (Jas. 1:19, 20).

Don't Blow—Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man' (Col. 4:6).

'Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus' (Phil. 2:4, 5). **—S. S. Times.**

TRUTH

An old Scottish woman said to her pastor, 'That was a grand sermon you preached last Sabbath at the Kirk!'

Seeking to test her sincerity, he asked, 'And what was the text?

'Ah, meenister!' she replied. 'I dinna ken (don't know) the text or the words. But I came home and took the false bottom out o' my peck measure'. **—Dawn.**

A GREAT CHRISTIAN LEADER PASSES AWAY IN LUCKNOW

We regret to hear of the passing of Rajah Maharaj Singh, a great Christian leader at Lucknow, after a period of illness patiently borne. He held important positions in the administrative and political life of the country. He was the Governor of Bombay for a full period where he and the Rani were popular. He was greatly interested in the Church and had a passion for the Church Union in N. India. He was of charitable disposition and was interested in social welfare.

The N. M. S. is specially indebted to Rajah Maharaj Singh and his family as his revered father, Rajah Sir Harnam Singh was the first President of the N. M. S., who was taking a lively interest in this Indigenous Society. The interest was

continued by the members of the family as years went by. The Society is indebted to the members of the family for the financial support it has been receiving from time to time.

It will be of interest to note that Rani Maharaj Singh is a paternal aunt of Mrs. G. S Krishnayya, one of the Vice Presidents of the N.MS., who has been evincing keen interest in the affairs of the Society.

We send our sympathy and condolence to the members of the bereaved family.

THE PASSING OF Dr. Mrs. JOSEPH JOHN

Deenabhandupuram.

We regret to hear of the passing of Dr. Mrs. Joseph John, the wife of Rev. Joseph John of the Rural Centre, Deenabhandupuram. She was in charge of the medical work of the place and was rendering yeoman service to the villages all round. Both Mr. and Mrs. Joseph John are pioneers in Christian Rural Work, and owing to their deep interest in Agriculture and Industry of the place, the social and religious life of the area has improved as every one would admit.

Rev. Joseph John is the Secretary of the North Tamil Area Committee of the N. M. S., and has evinced interest in Indigenous methods.

We send our deep sympathy and condolence to Rev. Joseph John, the children and the members of the family.

MY VISIT TO BANGALORE

As usual, I left for Bangalore in the first week of May to escape the sweltering heat of Madras and to enjoy the cool weather of Bangalore. Bangalore is considered as the 'middle class man's Ooty.' This opportunity was taken to meet friends and renew acquaintances with some of the members of the N. M. S. Branch there. In my absence, Mr. C. P. Michael was good enough to act in my place for which we are grateful.

I met Miss John, the Treasurer of the Branch. She informed me of the activities of the Branch and the attempts

made to get more leading Christians to take interest in the Movement.

Mrs. G. Muliyil, our enthusiastic Secretary was met a little later (as she was away) who gave me news of the activities of the Branch, especially the Social activities in which she and her band of young people are engaged viz., visiting a village nearby for the distribution of milk powder to the residents and giving talks on sanitation, health rules etc. This work is attracting the interest of the young people. Unfortunately, I could not join the group to visit the village due to inclement weather. Dr. F. Muliyil also is greatly interested in the N.M.S. and has many constructive ideas about the present and future of the Society and its place in the All India Church and Mission set-up.

The other persons met were Dr. Anjilvel Matthew, the President of the Branch, Mr. Daniel, Miss Cotelingam, Mrs. Thangiah, Mrs. Paramanandam and some of the Presbyters, who are all very sympathetic towards the N.M.S. cause.

I had the privilege of attending the Healing Ministry of Mrs. Seshuratnammal. She gave simple but a stirring message and definitely informed the audience that only faith in the Lord could result in healing of body and soul. The sick were anointed with oil and prayed for.

I am glad to hear that in Madras some of the members of the Church are planning to invite Mrs. Seshuratnammal for a monthly Campaign in July under the auspices of the N.M.S. Arrangements are being made for her visit.

Towards the last week of my stay I was asked to attend a Conference of Missionaries and some Nationals convened by the National Christian Council at the United Theological College. Some 35 representatives of different churches attended. Very interesting problems were discussed regarding the training to be given abroad and in India for the orientation of the Foreign Missionary. Bishop Hollis, out of his mature experience and sympathetic attitude, led the conference. In addition, Bishops Manickam, Solomon and Partridge and the senior missionaries contributed a good deal.

I returned to the Headquarters thanking God for the interesting time that I had, especially the fellowship and knowledge I gained by attending the conference. In the N.M.S., the question of Foreign Missionary does not arise; but as an Indigenous Society, it would be glad to get the services of Foreign Missionaries who would be treated as Brothers and co-workers, as the question of Foreign support does not arise.

S. D.

REPORT OF THE N. M. S. CAMP, SADRAS

THE annual camp of the National Missionary Society of India was held at Sadras which is a coastal hamlet situated about forty miles South of Madras. The camp was held in April 1959. I was not able to attend the camp for the full period, but I am grateful to God that I was able to attend it at least for a week.

The activities of the camp were many and varied The main theme of the camp activities was centred around the Lord Jesus Christ who is "the Way, the Truth and the Life." The young students from college and high school who attended the camp were given sound Christian training to strengthen their faith in Christ Jesus. The daily programme began with morning worship which was later followed by Bible-study and group discussion, after which there was a short break and before lunch the campers joined together again for the mid-day intercession.

The afternoon was a period of rest and quiet. At 3-30 p.m. the campers came together for group-singing which was followed by witness meeting. Later in the evening, the evangelistic meetings were conducted in the nearby "kuppams". Some members of the local congregation joined in the Bible-study group, the witness meetings and they very faithfully attended all the evangelistic meetings that were held in the "kuppams". To them it was a rich and rare experience to participate in the activities of the N. M. S. Daily, before retiring to bed, the campers met for family prayers and devotional talks. The family prayers were conducted by the Rev. S. W. Savarimuthu, while there, who chose and explained inspiring passages from the Bible. The Rev. Gnanasundaramani conducted the meetings in the

kuppams. At this camp, we had the privilege of having two more leaders, the Rev. Carrol from Bangalore and Brother Oomman from Bangarapet. Rev. Carrol conducted the Bible-study, the group discussions and also preached during the gospel meetings which were held in the "kuppams". Brother Oomman conducted the morning devotions and the group-singing. He held all the youngsters together with his lively and happy disposition and taught many new choruses.

The Chingleput C.S.I. Youth League deputed a few of their members to attend the camp. These enthusiastic young men spent a week-end and a couple of days more with us. They could not extend their leave any longer as many of them had to get back to their jobs in the government offices. At the request of these young people, an early morning "Bhajan", singing hymns and lyrics through the streets was conducted. This "Bhajan" was started very early in the morning, before dawn when the people of the village were just waking up. We stopped at the corners of the streets and after singing one or two lyrics, a member of the Bhajan read loudly from the Bible about Sin and Salvation. The members of the Bible League, Madras made the Bhajan more lively with their music.

On Sunday mornings, the campers attended the services conducted in the local Lutheran Church. The congregation of that church was grateful for the encouragement and prayers of the campers.

The other activities of the N.M.S. were also many and varied. There was the distribution of milk and old clothes to the poor and the needy in the "kuppams". At the request of Miss E. L. Joshua, the Block-development Officer Mr. A. P. Ratnam, very kindly arranged for a performance of "Villupatu", through which the Five-year Plan of the Government of India was conveyed through rhyme and rhythm. The whole hamlet of Sadras was gathered together and both the villagers and the campers were benefited by Mr. Ratnam's, "Villupatu". Miss E. Paul of the Gnanodhaya Training School, St. Thomas' Mount, spent a day with the campers. Miss Paul gave some illustrative and useful lessons on the use of Flannellograph to convey stories from the gospel to the villages and to children, who comprehend more readily through vision than through mere hearing. Towards the end of the camp, an excursion to Mahabalipuram was also organised for the campers.

I would like to pay a humble tribute to the "camp-aunty" the Organising Secretary who had put in her untiring efforts to bring young people together and enrich them with good Christian training through the N. M. S. camp. Old campers like to come again and again to join in the fellowship of the camp. Aunty's welcoming smile and her personal interest in the problems and needs of the young people endears the youth to her. May the Heavenly Father fill all those who came to the camp with his unbounding love and grace. I request every one to pray that the Name of Jesus Christ may be glorified throughout our mother-land.

ETHEL JOSEPH,
Madras Christian College,
Tambaram.

Some extracts from a letter written by one of the Camp leaders at Sadras:

Indeed it is a privilege to attend the N.M.S. Rural Camp at Sadras and participate in its activities. I am grateful to God for the opportunity I have had for conducting Bible Studies and moving freely with the Campers. There were not many at the beginning due to Examinations; but by the end of second week, some more joined.

Regarding the spiritual aspect of the Camp, I could see the Holy Spirit at work dealing with young lives, convicting them of their sins until many of them had yielded their lives to their Master.

The addresses by Mr. Carol were heart-searching and he challenged the youth to dedicate their lives to Christ. We sang many choruses which enlivened our meetings. Nobody who came to the Camp left it without new joy and fresh experience in his or her heart. As these young people have gone back to their respective places to face the world and its problems, let us pray that they may be steadfast in their decision.

It was a privilege for me to be with the Youth, helping them to find Jesus and to see young lives dedicated. It is my prayer and desire that those who have taken a decision may

dedicate their talents and their whole lives to the cause of Christ. Also, it is my prayer that this N. M. S. Camp held year after year may serve as a means of bringing many to Jesus Christ and prepare them to win souls for Him.

P. S. OOMMEN,
S. I. Bible Institute.

THE VISIT OF THE N. M. S. MADRAS AREA

Committee members to Tiruppattur field.

ON the 8th of May, a band of 6 members headed by Mr. G. Solomon reached Tirupattur in a motor van. Although they were tired, late in the evening, Mr. Raja Swamidoss, Mr. Balasingam Satya and Miss L. Vedanayagam gave powerful messages to the group of young men gathered together at the Christukula Ashram Jebalayam.

On the 9th, early in the morning, Bro. Jeya David and myself accompanied them to Kutathur. In a lorry we went up along the zig-zag roads on Javadi hills and reached our destination at about 8·30 a.m. We were welcomed by our evangelists Mr. & Mrs. P. R. Samuel and the day school children numbering 30. The children sang nicely Christian songs, narrated Bible stories, recited scripture texts and a few of them offered prayers in the name of Jesus Christ. The visitors were much impressed by the pioneering missionary work of our evangelists. Both in the morning and in the evening, Kutathur village was visited and the gospel preached. The testimony of Mr. P. Royappa, the owner and driver of the van, must have touched the hearts and minds of the listeners. The next day being Sunday, we had the divine worship in the cottage of our workers.

Before we came down to the plains, I had the opportunity of giving detailed information of the N.M.S work with the aid of Taluq map, showing all the villages where we have the scattered Christian community of recent converts. I even shared with them my burden for Muslims. I tried my best to enlighten the group of visitors as to the plan and programme of the N.M.S. work in this area. I was very happy to note the interest they all evinced in the spread of Christ's

Kingdom. I do thank God for the promise of their support to develop our activities on Javadi hills I am ever grateful to them for their valuable suggestions and encouraging words.

—R. GNANADIKAM.

KATTERI FIELD NEWS

for May 1959

THIMMAMPET work is gradually growing. David Krishnasamy at Pullur is preparing the catechumens in his village. Rajamanickam, receiving christian teaching for the past 2 years was baptised on Whit Sunday (i e. 17th May) and he is now trying to win his people for Christ. Bible School student Gnanadoss spent the month of May with his Hindu parents at Mindapet. He was very active during this period, strengthening the faith of the new converts by his messages and personal testimony. The gounder family which embraced the Christian fold in January '59 had to face much persecution from their own relatives. By God's grace, they are firm in their faith. If an evangelist is placed in this area, there is great possibility of leading many to the feet of Christ.

Mr. Vedamuthu, who is working as a teacher in the Panchayat School on Yellagiri hills, has proved to be a conscientious worker. I meet him often to encourage him to spread the gospel among the hill tribes over there. Very recently, he brought to me a boy belonging to the hill tribes to be admitted in Ist form at Chengam. With the help of the District Forest Officer, I was able to do the needful for him. The few Anglo Indians still staying on the hills are real witnesses for Christ. Mr. Newman visits me periodically and we discuss about the problems of the hill tribes.

As days pass by, I feel more and more the responsibility of giving the gospel to Muslims. Dawood's faith is increasing day by day, in spite of much opposition, Basheer needs more courage to confess Christ openly, Abdul Sathar reads the New Testament with the spirit of enquiry, Sammath still has an open mind for the gospel but he must get the conviction of his sins. The Muslims in general find it difficult to accept the Christian interpretation of sin. This month I have

been contacting a large number of Muslims. I have decided to learn Urdu from next month onwards. The knowledge in Urdu will enabel me to present the gospel more effectively. I wish I am completely set apart for Muslim work in the coming days.

—R. GNANADIKAM.

MRS. THOMAS RAJ, SECRETARY

N. M. S. Branch, Madurai, writes :—

"The spiritual meeting conducted by Smt. Seshuratnammal from the 22nd to the 30th April 1959 in the O.C.P.M. High School compound proved a great blessing to many. Her messages, lasting for an hour and more every evening were plain, straight-forward, urging the audience to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. On the 30th Bishop Newbigin presided and the audience, more than 2,000 strong, with babies and young children were very quiet when she delivered the message. Many non-christians—brahmins-came in large numbers for healing. Her powerful healing ministry, especially over the devil—possessed is a witness to the world that Jesus is a living God!"

NEWS FROM OUR MID-INDIA FIELD

A recent baptism:

A WOMAN of our old Murwahi Field was attending Sunday worship regularly at Usad School since she came to live at Usad 3 years ago. Later she went to Missionary R. Martin at Kotma asking for baptism. She was sent to live with our woman missionaries at Shahdol. She lived with Mrs. Krupadanam and was given instruction. Also she took part in the worship services at Shahdol, which was a richer experience for her than to worship with very few at Usad. When she went back to Usad, her relatives treated her as an outcaste. Having confessed her Lord boldly at Usad and neighbouring villages, she was taken care of by Evangelist and Mrs. Beck at Murwahi. On the 12th of April she made a courageous confession of her faith in our Lord, and was baptized at Christ Church at Kotma by the Rev. Raymond

Martin. In the old field of Murwahi, where Missionary Gnanabaranam intitiated N. M. S. work in February 1929, we have had only 7 single men converts until now. The first was Cornelius, a Kol, who after serving in the army, married a Christian girl, and is now working as a police constable at Raipur. The seventh was Susheel Kumar who after passing his middle school examination studied for 3 years in the Bible School at Betul, M. Pr., and is now working at Shahdol as our evangelist. This action of baptizing individuals has caused us many problems, and some have relapsed. So our policy now is to win families for Christ (Vide April and May issues), whether those who come to faith are caste Hindus etc., as a result of the work of the Spirit through our medical ministry at Shahdol, or adibasis in the villages of the old Murwahi field, or of the new field of Shahdol Dt. (M. Pr.) The missionaries solicit your prayers. for the individuals who have been drawn to witness for Christ individually, so that they may be received unto the church as far as possible with their entire family. Our new convert **Christu Moni Julia Bai** has been sent to Ambikapur (Surguja Dt.) where she will have inspiring and heartening fellowship of a large well organised congregation, and the fostering care of the Rev. and Mrs. B. Ananda Rao.

Nowrozabad. This is a Colliery town on the Kotma–Bilaspur Branch Railway line of S. I. Railway, 27 miles from our main N.M S. centre, **Shahdol**. With a view to solicit donations for the Shahdol Hospital Building Fund, I visited this A. C. C: Colliery and contacted Mr. Jha, the Manager, and Mr. Kamal Chougler, the Gen. Secy. of the Colliery Mazdoor Sangh both of whom expressed appreciation for the good work done by Dr. Ramabai Gopal and her team, and have promised to help us in regard to the Building Project. Incidentally, I contacted some Christian employees in the Colliery who expressed their desire to receive the ministrations of our Shahdol missionary the Rev. T. Spencer. Since then, worship has been conducted every month on a Tuesday which is the Colliery holiday every week instead of Sunday. On 5th May, Dr. R. Gopal, Mrs. Krupadanam and Nurse Christina accompanied the pastor, and the worship service that was held in Dr. Harding's house was made inspiring by fine singing by our N. M. S. team. The Christians have now a desire to secure from the A. C. Company a site and a building for Christian worship.

The N. M. S. workers are happy to render this service to scattered Christians in such centres as Burhar, Nowrozabad, Umania etc. in Shahdol Dt. Our aim is to organise them not only as worshipping groups, but also to inspire them to witness for Christ and bring to others the blessings of the Gospel.

J. D. A.

Life Members of the N. M. S.

(Continued from the February 1959 issue of the N.M.I.)

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THE BHARAT CHRISTYA SEVAK SAMAJ

WEST BENGAL BRANCH

The Bharat Christya Sevak Samaj (National Missionary Society) has recently taken over charge of the Ishapanthi Ashram at Puri which was started with his own money by the late Rev. B. C. Sircar, a Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. on the National Cadre, some years ago.

The Ashram is, at present, in charge of a dedicated married couple, Mr. & Mrs. Sam John. Mr. John has retired from a senior post in the Accounts Service and both he and Mrs. John are full—time workers and receive no salary.

It is intended to undertake Social Service as part of the Ashram's activities in the shape of a children's home for segregating untained children of Leper parents, from among the huge uncared for Colony of lepers who have squatted quite close to the Ashram.

A sum of Rs. 7,000/- has been estimated for making a start with the Home which will admit some 10 children to begin with. This sum provides for hutments for the accommodation of the children and resident care-takers and for feeding and clothing the inmates for one year.

On behalf of the West Bengal Branch of the Samaj or Society, I have undertaken to collect a sum of Rs. 3,000/- from personal friends, acquaintances and other generously disposed persons. I have so far secured two donations of Rs. 100/- each and one of Rs. 50/- and I now send this appeal to you to participate in this good work and venture of faith by making a donation commensurate with your ability to give.

Cheques may please be sent to me by name and crossed.

15th July, 1959.
1, Merlin Park,
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N. K. BOSE,
President, West Bengal Branch.

PRAYER FOR KERALA

Let us remember and pray for the people of Kerala that at this troublous time God may, in His own way, put an end to this unrest and strife by leading the Government and the people to see light so that peace and concord may reign in the land.

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"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
Then said I, Here am I; send me.

THERE'S SOMEONE AT THE DOOR.....

He knocked at my door. I answered impatiently, for I was very busy in the house.

"Have you any room?" he asked.

"No," I said sharply. "We don't let rooms here."

"Any room would do," he said. "I wouldn't be any trouble."

"I haven't a room to spare in the house," I answered, "not one that would suit you, anyhow."

"I would clean it up myself if it needed it," he urged, "and I would keep it clean. I'm used to that."

I hesitated a moment. Then I said, decidedly: "No, I've no room. Good day!"

He went down the path, and at the gate he turned and smiled at me. "If, at any time, you find you have room and want me," he said, "I'll come."

* * *

I watched him go down the street, and twice I nearly called him back, but I was too ashamed. You see, I had a

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room, but I kept the door locked on it, for it was all cluttered up with rubbish that I had gathered through the years. I didn't dare to go into that room for a long time but after he had gone I went upstairs and unlocked the door. The place was in a frightful mess, with all sorts of things, broken, soiled, or torn, piled together and the dust and dirt was thick upon it. I wouldn't have had anyone see it like that for worlds—least of all him. And I knew I could never make it decent. I hadn't the heart to start on it.

"*I would clean it up myself if it needed it, and I would keep it clean. I'm used to that.*"

That is what he said. I sat down on a box and nearly cried my eyes out. Then I got up and went out, and locked the door. "It's no use," I said to myself. "I've got to get on with my work.

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I'ts nearly a week since he came, and went and I've tried to carry on as usual. But I don't think I can go on like this much longer. I can't get him to come, but I can't bear to think of him seeing that room, let alone living in it. And, if he came, that would have to be his room.

I can see him now as he stood at my door; I can hear his voice: I remember every word he said:—

"*If, at any time, you find that you have room and want me, I'll come.*"

* * *

"Lord, I do want Thee to come, and I have got a room—a dreadful room, not fit for anyone to live in. But, if Thou wilt take it, it is Thine. Lord Jesus, come quickly!"

Listen! .....There's Someone at the door!

G. Osborn Gregory.

NEWS AND NOTES

As usual, the Madras Ladies' Auxiliary of the N.M.S. is having its Annual Sale on 8th August 1959 at Balar Kalvi Nilayam, Vepery, Madras. Arrangements are being made for it.

and the proceeds of the Sale will be sent to Evangelistic and Educational work at Puram. Your prayers are requested for the Sale. Friends in Madras and outside are earnestly asked to send their donations, either in kind or cash to the Hon. Treasurer, N.M.S. House, Royapettah, Madras. Generally, we raise about Rs. 3,000/- by the Sale.

We are glad to learn that friends in Madura are also trying to get up a Sale and Miss Joshua, our Organising Secretary will be in Madura at the time to help in the Sale.

We are also glad to intimate to our friends that a Doctor in Bahrain who wants to be anonymous has contributed towards the cost of a new Portable Gramaphone costing Rs. 220/- for missionary work. We are grateful to God and to the friend for this generous gift.

Another friend has promised to give a Bicycle costing about Rs. 175/- for the Puri Ashram, as the Missionary there has to travel some distance from the Ashram every day. We are grateful to him also.

Mrs. Seshuratnammal of Bangalore is conducting Healing Ministry in Madras city churches. The first serise of meetings are held in the Zion Church, Chintadripet, the second will be in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Vepery and the third in the Tucker Church, Broadway. Enquiries are coming from the sick people who would like to meet Mrs. Seshuratnammal for prayer and healing. Her Gospel Messages and incidents from her own life are very interesting.

The N.M.S. Executive Committee meets at Nasrapur Spiritual Centre, (20 miles from Poona), from 28th to 30th September. Your prayers are asked on behalf of the meetings and the arrangements that are being made.

Our Hon. Organising Secretary for W. India, Mr. J. Amoda who had extensively toured this area is at present in Madras getting treatment for his eyes. The prayers of our friends are requested that he may be given a speedy cure.

THE 28th ANNUAL CAMP OF THE RURAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

(Organised by the N. M. S.)

Uttramerur in Madurantagam area (South Arcot Dt.)

5th—17th may 1959.

THE R.C.S.F. worked at Uttramerur for the 3rd and final year of its work in that area. Nearly 50 persons joined the camp at different intervals, and many stayed for the full period. With the familiarity of the work and the place, we straight-away started the camp programme with opening and closing retreats followed by Holy Communion services. Madurantakam and Karunguli pastorate workers joined the camp as usual with their Presbyter and Missionary worker. Mr. K. Dharmaraj, the headmaster of the local school, was kind enough to lend the use of the school building for the camp; and he with his family rendered very good help to carry out the camp programme very well.

The daily programme began at 4 a.m. when the specially trained Bajana party, men and women, got up and made the necessary preparations to start the bajana procession at 4-30 a.m. Special songs based on the message of the Cross, prepared by Mr. P. A. Sathiyasatchi were used on this occasion. The songs were so fully carnatic and so gripping in meaning, tune and rythm, that they added to the perfect silence of the dawn and that those who heard were really moved by the songs. As the bajana went round the streets, people listened with respect, and many invited the bajana to their streets. This indeed is the best part of our camp programme. By now, the rest of the campers were ready to welcome the bajana party and join in their prayer. The morning devotions began at 6 a.m. and lasted for about 40 minutes. After a hot cup of coffee, the campers left in small groups with gospels and evangelistic literature for evangelistic work, leaving behind the younger ones for their devotional time when songs and Bible stories were taught to them. At the morning evangelistic work, non-Christians were visited in their homes and in streets for personal work. Prayers were conducted in a few homes. Chotta was served at 9 a.m. From 9-30 to 10-15 was the quiet hour. The perfect silence maintained at this time really helped every one to be alone with God in their quiet corners praying, reading and self-examining. 10-15

to 11 was the time for Bible-study. II. Corinthians was the book for study this year. There was a short interval for 15 minutes to drink butter-milk. Hot days and butter-milk go together very well!

It is one of the aims of this fellowship to get good training in Lyric singing. Every year, new lyrics are taught. This was also the time for practising songs for bajana and open-air preaching. This time of lyric singing is very inviting and a good witness amidst Indian non-christians. The intercession began at 12 O'clock Many to whom is intercessary prayer was a new experience started afterwards small prayer groups in their own places. Noon food was served at I.P.M. While volunteers served food, choruses were sung. The food was simple and good. The rest time went on till 3-30 p.m.

After tea at 4 p.m. we again met for devotions and discussions. Between 5-30 and 6 p.m. every camper was busy preparing for the evening evangelistic work. Generally, three different groups with different evangelistic methods remained at the camp. There was the film strip group with projectors. There was the preaching group and there was the Kalatchebam group and this was also a preaching group on the days when there was no Kalatchebam. Intensive evangelistic work was done at this time. Gospels and evangelistic literature were given in large numbers. The groups returned to the camp at 9 p.m. After food, we met for family prayers and for a short review of the day's programme and to sleep peacefully, and the lights went off at 10-30 p.m. This in short is the day's programme.

It is very encouraging to report that at the very first year of our work, the friends of that area who worked with us in the camp started a local fellowship of their own to carry on the follow-up work, and they are doing the work every September. Now that we have worked for three years in that centre, we will not go there again, but the local fellowship has already made plans to start a new field and work there from next summer and also to carry on the September work. These programmes are being carried with the consent and the co-operation of the Madurantakam an Karunguli pastorate committees. As in previous years, this year also we went out one evening for reconsecration programme. We all went to a river side. After a few minutes talk of how the time should be used, every one went apart for self-

examination and prayer and came together again and by a short prayer, every one re-dedicated himself or herself to God and this blessed occasion is always a grateful remembrance in one's life.

Life Members of the N. M. S.

(Continued from July 1959 issue of the N.M.I.)

Mrs. K. M. DHAR, LUCKNOW.

Kumari M M. SINGH, ALLAHABAD.

Shri N. O. MUKERJI, ALLAHABAD.

BAPTISMS IN MAY AND JUNE 1959

Puram Field.

ON May 24th seven souls were added to the fold of the Lord (three children and four adults) in Jothimangalam. This adds two more families and now there are seven Christian families and three Christian young men.

The baptism service took place in Jothimangalam itself. Except two children, the other five had immersion baptism. After the baptism in a nearby well, we assembled in the school building where we usually meet for worship and began singing a song of praise. It started raining heavily and there was much lightning and thunder. A strong wind brought the roof and the front wall of the building on us. A

few were caught under the debris and thank God, there was a petromax light which enabled those who were unhurt to remove the heavy mud blocks which were on people and get them to safer places. Two who were badly caught were feared to have sustained serious injuries and they were removed to the Ashram Hospital. Thank God, after examination, they were found to have no serious injuries and were discharged from the hospital the very next day. A child who was covered by a big mud block escaped unhurt.

We praise and thank God who proved to be our refuge and fortress and saved us from danger. It was feared that the faith of the new converts would be shaken and that the non-Christians would mock at them. Praise be to God who kept them strong in their faith. One new convert, Abraham by name, said "If I had not received the baptism, I would have died that night." Yes, the non-Christians mocked at us, but the faith of the new converts and other Christian brethren was stronger and this was a witness before others. They are growing in faith and grace and your prayers are needed.

On 28-6-1959 one Raji of Athiur, a village of about two miles North of Puram, was baptised. He had been an enquirer for a long time and is one who had found cure through his own prayer and faith. First, he found the Lord through one of our converts Elia who has the gift of healing sick people through prayer. Later on, when he had a boil on his right thigh, he prayed to the Lord one evening saying, 'If thou wilt heal this boil before 12 noon tomorrow, I shall be thy child for ever and I shall get baptised after four months." The Lord answered his prayer and cured him before 12 noon the following day. He bore witness to this in one of the meetings in the Ashram when Bishop Appasamy was present. In his witness in the church before his baptism, he spoke about the wonderful cure he had had and how he found the Lord through Elia. We thank God for such converts to whom Christ is a reality.

Pray for such converts and those who are preparing themselves for baptism.

S. GNANASUNDARAMANI,
Missionary.

MISSIONARY WORK AT JAWADI HILLS

May—June, 1959.

The work has been steadily progressing. In Velichanur two people were ill—one suffered from slight heart complaint and the other, a young woman's child from Vannankuttai had fever. We prayed for them both and they are much better now. Asr a esult of this, eight boys attend our school. The boys of the school and the people of Kuttathoor prayed very zealously for rain. To their surprise, there was rain. By this, their faith in the Lord has increased. The boys attend our school in three batches as they have to go for work in the village. Both of us visit the villages after 5 O'clock in the evening and we need the help of a couple for whose arrival we earnestly pray.

Our Sunday School children come very regularly and they have learnt many lyrics by heart and many stories from the Bible.

We request you all to remember our work and pray for it.

Mr. & Mrs. P. R. Samuel.

MINISTRY OF Mr. SAM JOHN

Ishapanthi Ashram, Puri.

Mr. Sam John is now busy with some construction work in order to put up visitors who come there from time to time. Small huts are also put up for temporary Evangelists who will be able to help Mr. Natobar Pani and other enquirers who will stay at the Ashram from time to time. He is glad that we are trying to get a theologically trained man for the Asram. Before he goes there, he would make adequate arrangements for his residence.

He writes :—

"When I write this letter I received a gift of Rs. 100/- from the Bishop of Assam with his blessing for the work of the Ashram.

"Some ladies from Calcutta who visited the Ashram have promised to contribute funds towards the work of the

Ashram. Mr. N. K. Bose wants me to keep him informed of our requirements.

"**New arrival in the Ashram family.** Last night Mrs. Natobar Pani gave birth to a boy. Both mother and child are keeping well.

"**Our work**. Last month one Arya Samajist convert and a Colporteur of Cuttack Bible Society were with us and helped Natobar in street preaching and sale of Gospels. There were festivals near Loknath temple and some other place. There they both were able to spend nearly the whole day and preach the Gospel and sell Gospel portions. The response was not encouraging, but we hope that the seed we sow now will bring forth the fruit sooner or later. Once or twice Mr. Kulmoney Mahanty of the Baptist Church here helped us in preaching near the library. On the 3rd and 4th June Mr. B. B. Das of Bible House, Cuttack and Mr. Overitt of the Bible Society, Calcutta came with the Bible-Van of North India and we joined them in the preaching and sale of Gospels and other Christian books near the Library. Otherwise we have the usual preaching in the library, leper colony fishermen's area and the Civil Hospital. When our evangelist gets the cycle, he will be able to visit the nearby villages with Mr. Kulmony Mahanty."

SAM JOHN.

THE LATE REV. T. P. GOPALASAMY

Retired Missionary of the N.M.S.

WE regret to report of the passing of Rev. T. P. Gopalasamy on 19th June, 1959 in Madras. He was Presbyter of the C. S. I. Church, Esplanade, Madras for some years after he had retired from the N. M. S.

Mr. Gopalasamy was appointed a probationer in the N.M.S. at the first instance in January 1916, and was sent for training under Rev. M. Peter of the American Mission, Vellore for practical training in evangelistic work. After his deputation to S. Travancore for a brief period, he was posted to Omalore in the Salem Dt. as an Evangelist. Later he was sent to the United Theological College, Bangalore for a

theological course in 1918. He attended the All India Students' Conference in Poona as a delegate of the U. T. College S. C. M. in 1922. He finished his theological course and till 1925 he was missionary at Tirupattur.

Mr. Gopalasamy was appointed as Office Secretary at the Headquarters in 1925 and after a year was transferred to the Tirupattur Field. He was in charge of the Girls' School at Jalarpet and Missionary work in Elthagiri. In 1928 he was ordained as a Pastor. He was also greatly interested in Temperance propaganda at that time. He retired from the service of the N.M.S. after a period of thirty three years, working in the different fields of the N.M.S. in S. India; and also after useful service at the Headquarters as Office Secretary and Editor of Tamil Deepikai for a short time. Even after retirement, he had a love for the N.M.S. and zeal for missionary work. In summer he used to visit Hill Stations and attend missionary meetings. In the summer 1958 he went to Sat Tal Ashram and shared in the spiritual fellowship of the Christian Group under Dr. Stanley Jones.

Though weak in health, he was strong in spirit, and as Presbyter, he was greatly interested in the Youth and Evangelistic work. He was an associate of Stalwarts like Mr. P. Chenchiah and Mr. V. Chakkarai and also the great Hindu leaders of the city who were meeting regularly to discuss problems of religious importance and current topics. These group meetings were known as Elder Statesmen and Verandah Club.

Mr. Gopalasamy's body was brought to the Anderson Church and after an impressive service was interred in the Kilpauk Cemetery.

The Indian Christians of the city have lost a Venerable Presbyter and one who had the missionary zeal at heart. May the Lord console Mrs. Gopalasamy and her children.

THE LATE Mrs. JOSEPH JOHN

Our Dear Friends,

MANY letters of condolence are pouring in every day on the Home call of Ranji on the 12th June at 10-45 p.m. at

the Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore for which we are thankful. Several friends have enquired as to how all this came about.

It was during the last week in April that we went to Muttathoor along with Rev. Henry Lazarus to visit Jothi Nilayam which is to be the centre of his future work on the retirement of Miss C. C. Wyckoff. On our way, we visited various Centres round about Wandiwash, where leprosy work has been carried on by Dr. Margaret Rottschaeffer and now continued by Dr. Sushila Ponniah. Ranji has always been interested in this great work and has been giving herself for this cause.

It was hot summer and it had told on her health. She was feeling tired and developed severe cough. In spite of her poor health, she did not want to miss the Zion festival which she was associated with from its inception. We had a very interesting and inspiring occasion at the Zion Festival. But on her it left a great strain.

Her medical assistants in three centres went away on annual leave, and she had to carry on the work single handed. Her health was gradually failing and so we both went to one of our Mission Hospitals, where a thorough check up was made. It was suspected that she had the beginnings of asthma and so acetylarson injection was prescribed, which was given on alternate days by one of our able nurses. Little did we know she was allergic to this injection. She herself did not realise that arsenic was spreading in her system.

She kept on working till 6th June and on the 7th she went into coma, from which she never recovered. We rushed her to the hospital and in spite of the best medical treatment, it hath pleased our Heavenly Father to call her Home. On Saturday the 6th June, after her morning devotion, she had written the most precious thoughts in a new Bible and presented it to her only daughter Hannah Satya, asking her to keep it as mother's precious gift. It was her heart's desire that Hannah should take up medical training at the Christian Medical College, Vellore, of which she herself is an old student. Hannah has accepted this challenge and by God's grace she has gained admission in the C. M. C. Vellore this week.

Friends in Vellore were good enough to arrange an inspiring service at the Central Church, after which the body was brought to Deenabandupuram and buried in the place, where we have pioneered for Christ these eleven years. Thousands of her village friends paid their last respect to her. The funeral itself was a great witness to her Saviour.

Her departure was so sudden and unexpected that all of us find it so difficult to adjust to this changed condition. More than that, hundreds of villagers round about miss her very much. Prayers of many friends all over, during her illness and after have been a great source of strength to us. But for this, we should have broken down under this great blow.

We believe it is the Lord's work. Now that He has been pleased to take away one who has made a significant contribution in this lonely corner, we trust that He shall not fail to make provision for the future. As an interim arrangement, we may appoint a doctor to help us in a part of her programme. We hope that God would send us a consecrated servant to help us carry on the medical front of our service. Hope our friends would be praying that God might send us one soon. Meanwhile we are expecting two volunteers sent by the British Council of Churches to arrive in August. They will stay with us for a year working among the youth.

The members of our Fellowship are standing by me very loyally and have relieved me from heavy duties. I am free to go about visiting other centres. Thus we will carry on the New Life Movement in which Ranji was so much interested.

We as a family and fellow workers of Ranji believe in the guiding Hand of our loving Father who has been with us all these years, and will still lead us on. So we will just clasp tightly His hand and venture into the unknown.

Yours in Christ,

Deenabandupuram,
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THE N.M S. INSTITUTE OF INDIAN CHURCH MUSIC

The Scope of its Future.

C. P. Michael, Hon'ry Director.

ITS inaugural function was held on the 2nd May, 1959 under the auspices of the City Area Committee and it took nearly three weeks to commence the classes. The original plan was to conduct one class in Vepery Centre. But the musically-minded groups in other areas pressed for a centre in George Town and another in Royapettah. Accordingly, qualified musical instructors offered their services for a minimum remuneration and regular classes were started on 21-5-1959 in the three centres. First time in the annals of the N.M.S., its headquarters served as a centre for Royapettah and is filled with Indian Church Music "From harmony, from heavenly harmony" which has given rise to "This universal frame".

To begin with, children and adults are given practices in singing popular Tamil lyrics according to the classical form of Karnatic music. In spite of the Summer Vacation Bible School, the attendance has been fairly good in the beginning except in George Town Centre. The movement, however, has gained momentum with the co-operation of the Presbyters and local leaders; the strength of the classes is on the increase. It is hoped that in due time, these pupils, who put in regular attendance on two evenings in a week, will be able to give a lead to sing lyrics in their respective Church services. This is the objective of the immediate future. It is also the desire of the Presbyters.

The next question is in regard to the duration of the course of the Indian Church Music. It, like any other art, is not learnt in a short period. The short term practices of the Indian Church Music, experimented in "The Summer Schools of Music" has not brought about any change in the mode of singing in the Church Services. It is a question of practice making perfect, granting the natural aptitude of pupils for music. Hence it must be a long term course extending over years. Then only the patrons and members of the N M.S. are justified in starting the institute. They would thus become the pioneers in revolutionising the Church worship as well as the family. That is how the policy of the N. M. S. to deepen the spiritual life would be implemented.

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The late Mr. A. V. George of Kottayam

We deeply regret to learn of the passing away of Mr. A. V. George, a leading Indian Christian of Kerala and a big business man. He was a great philanthropist and deeply interested in Church activities. He was one of the Directors of the Bible Society and of the Y. M. C. A. and was a leading member of the C. S. I., in Kottayam. He was the chief promoter of the Beggar Relief Centre.

He was the President of the Kottayam Branch of the N. M. S. last year and took keen interest in its activities. His passing away is a great loss to the Christian community in Kerala.

He is survived by his wife and three sons. On behalf of the Society we send our deep sympathy and condolence to the members of the bereaved family.

MR. ERIC BANERJI

A member of the Executive Committee of the Society writes.

"We have now formed a N.M S. Area Committee for the Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. The following persons interested in N.M.S. work are its members :—

(1) Prof. J. P. Sunder Lal, M. A,, M. Ed., (Michigan), Chandigarh.

(2) Mrs. L. Bhatia, Amritsar.

(3) Mr. C. K. Banerji, Ludhiana.

(4) Mr. Joseph Dina Nath, B.A., LL., B., Simla.

(5) Dr. Issac R. Nath, Amritsar.

(6) Mrs. Haque, Jullundur Cantt.

(7) Miss Sant Singh, Amritsar.

(8) Mr. Eric Banerji, Jullundur.

We are glad that a committee has been formed in the Punjab to carry the N. M. S. Message to the people in the State.

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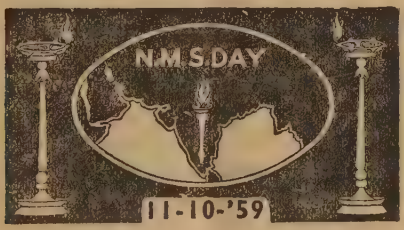
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
Then said I, Here am I; send me.

THE CALL TO PRAYER
FOR
The National Missionary Society of India

(By the Rt. Rev. W. Q. Lash, Bishop of Bombay).

N. M. S. WEEK OF PRAYER OCT. 4—11th, 1959.

Day of Prayer—11th October, 1959.



The last year has brought home to us afresh both the opportunities and the perils of Christian witness in India. It has brought home also how much now and in the future the presentation of the eternal Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ must rest upon the sons and daughters of India who are His disciples.

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For nearly 55 years the National Missionary Society of India has held before the Christians of India the ideal of the Church in this land fulfilling its responsibility of bearing witness to our Lord. The Society has done this partly by opening fields of its own in various parts of India and of late years has fulfilled the early intention of bearing witness in parts not yet evangelised.

It has also shown a prophetic instinct in the past by giving an opportunity for established parts of the Church to have their Mission fields in other parts of India. We think for instance of the witness over many decades of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church in the North Kanara District, and again of the former Anglican Church in Travancore, now the Church of South India Diocese of Central Travancore, in the centre of India. Likewise, in Bengal, the Society has supported one of the earliest of the Indian communities in their missionary labours in Haluaghat.

This prophetic work of the Society brings home to us how in these changing days it is the Church herself more than any Society that must take up the task, and in nearly all parts of the Church those who are already established in the faith have accepted the responsibility of carrying the faith which they have received to their fellow citizens in their own region. It may well be that one of the great tasks of of the Society in the future is to arouse enthusiasm among members of the several churches, who have co-operated in the work of the Society, to take up their task simply as members of the Church.

At this time, it seems most essential that the Call to Prayer should be one, not only for the fulfilling of the Society's tasks, but still more for the fulfilling of the whole task of the Church as bearing witness, and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for clear vision as to what part the National Missionary Society is to play to fulfil the intentions of its founders in these altered conditions.

One sign of great encouragement of a material kind in the past few years has been the way in which the Society has tackled the problem which gave great anxiety, and even grief, to some of its members in earlier days. The weight of debt which has hung round the Society's neck has steadily been reduced, and the day may be soon arriving,

if it has not already arrived, when the Society's work may be within the Society's sources.

Our Lord, in His last charge to His Disciples, when He met them in Galilee and again before His Ascension, commanded them to bear witness, and it is for us at this time to pray that every member of the Church, and not least those who are just entering upon their responsibilities as young communicants of the Church, should take to heart this charge, and we pray that indeed the promised gift of the Holy Spirit may be abundantly poured out in these days when the witness is so much needed, and the acceptance of the challenge, at whatever cost, so urgent a call upon all faithful disciples of our Lord.

Note :—We are glad to announce that the Society's debt has since been cleared due to two generous contributions received; and now we can go forward with confidence that we are free from this burden. God has heard our prayers.

J. W. Sadiq,
(Bishop of Nagpur)
President.

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Chairman, Standing Committee.

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N.M.S. House,
Royapettah, Madras.
12—8—1959.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Healing Ministry in Madras City.

The Churches in the city have been fortunate in having the ministry of Mrs. Seshuratnammal Basuviah of Bangalore, a recent convert who has been gifted by God with healing powers. She has got an Ashram very near Bangalore and is widely being used in the Churches in S. India. In Madras city she conducted meetings in six churches where hundreds of Christians and non-Christians got the Gospel message and also many were anointed with oil for healing. Her message was very simple and forceful, and many were blessed and healed. She also addressed the Ministers of the City Churches at the N. M. S. Office.

We are thankful to God and Mrs. Seshuratnammal for her great service.

Madras Ladies' Auxiliary Sale.

As usual, the Sale was held this year also on August 8. The leading Christian ladies endeavoured to make the Sale a success. The Sale was opened by Miss Tilakavathi Paul, Headmistress of the Bentinck Girls' School and many Indian Christians participated in it. The proceeds is generally used for the Gospel and educational work at Puram.

Debt Clearance.

We rejoice to inform all our readers and friends that the over-hanging debt of the N.M.S. for so many years has been cleared due to (1) a generous contribution of Rs. 8,621/- left by the late Mr. G. R. Hensman of Ceylon, and (2) Rs. 8,400/-. the sale proceeds of a plot of land in Tirupattur belonging to the Society. We thank God for this great relief. Now the Society can go forward without the stigma of a debt. The Lord hath done great things for us and He has blessed us.

A new Field in N. India.

We are glad to announce that a new field has been opened in Pachparwa in Bahraich Dt. on the Nepal border to work among a hill-tribe called Tharoos. The U. P. Area Committee shoulders the major responsibility of the field. Rev. & Mrs. K. B. Singh of the Methodist Mission,

Lucknow Diocese whose services have been loaned to the N. M. S. have started work.

N M. S. Sunday.

As usual, the N. M. S. Sunday will be observed on the second Sunday in October *i.e.*, 11th October 1959. In this connection a Call to Prayer will be sent to the various churches for the observance of the Day. Special prayers may kindly be offered for the work of the N M. S. on that day. The Treasurers and Pastors of Churches are kindly reminded that the day's collection may be set apart for the N. M. S. work and sent to the Hon. Treasurer, N. M. S. House, Royapettah, Madras.

GABRIEL RAJAH HENSMAN OF CEYLON

The donor of the sum of Rs. 8,000 and odd for the N. M. S. the late Gabriel Rajah Hensman, was a member of a good Christian family from Jaffna, well known in Ceylon and South India. He was the youngest son of the late Rev. John Hensman, the first ordained Tamil clergyman of the Church Missionary Society in Ceylon, who was Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Kopay, Jaffna from 1863 to 1884 and died in that year at the age of 68. The Rev. A. E. Dibben, C. M. S. Secretary, wrote in 1918, the Centenary year, referring to a booklet: 'the life of a true man of God, full of grace and heavenly gifts used willingly and lovingly for his great Master and his fellowmen with remarkable tokens of the Divine blessing And in addition to the evidence given of the abiding nature of the fruit borne of his life and work, there is the fact that to this day the name of Hensman is held in high honour both in Ceylon and South India by reason of the Christian character and integrity of his descendants.'

All his elder sons went to Madras for their higher studies and most of them got employed there and lived there for a very long time. Among them was the late E. S. Hensman, who settled down there and was for a long time a a devoted member and Treasurer of the N. M S there. One of his grandsons, the late J. W. N. Hensman, son of the late James Hensman, who retired as Principal of Kumbakonam College, was present at the inaugural meeting of the N. M. S. at Calcutta in 1908.

The younger sons did not follow their brothers to Madras, but after finishing at St. John's College, Jaffna, went to Trinity College, Kandy the premier C. M. S. College in Ceylon at the time. After graduating from there, Gabriel Rajah joined the Postal Department and retired as a Staff Officer at the age of 60, in 1927. Throughout his life, both when he was in Government service in Colombo and during his retirement in Jaffna, he was a very keen member of the Church, and took an active part in its activities. He gave liberally for Church work as well as to charities. His enthusiasm for and interest in evangelistic work was evinced by his participation in the activities of the Jaffna Church Missionary Association, of which he became President later. His gifts to the N. M. S. in Ceylon and in India are evidence of the same spirit. Having no children, he bequeathed a large part of his estate to Christian Institutions. May the Lord give us many more Gabriel Rajah Hensmans.

A. J. K. VETHAVANAM,
A grandson of Rev..John Hensman.

MY TOUR OF THE PUNJAB

In the months of April & May 1959 I visited the important cities in the Punjab and give below a brief account of my tour.

Kharar. I began my tour with Kharar. Kharar is not a big city but is the centre of the New Zealand Mission in North India. It has Intermediate Colleges for boys and girls and a Mission Press. Mr. W. F. Paul, the Principal of the Boy's College was my kind host and had agreed to act as our local Secretary for Kharar. Miss C. K. Das—Principal of the girls College also evinced interest in the N.M.S. I visited Christian homes. I also saw Rev. Riddle and Rev. McLeod foreign Missionaries—who listened with sympathetic interest about the activities of our national enterprise.

Chandigarh. From Kharar I went to Chandigarh—the new Capital of the Punjab. It is a model town which is growing fast with new buildings of modern architecture. "Chandi" is the name of the goddess of the village near

which this new town is growing. The zealous and closely -knit Christian community has built a church belonging to all denominations and is rightly called the " Union Church ". May it prove a symbol and forerunner of Church Union in North India ! Rev. Abdul Haq was my kind host. Mr. G. J. Gill—Headmaster of the Govt. Senior Model School was kind enough to take me round to different Christian families. He and Mr. Justin–the Church Secretary have agreed to further the cause of the N.M.S. there in spite of the fact that at present they are busy in building their local church. In the evening, I had the opportunity of addressing the ladies at their " fellowship " meeting which they were holding that evening. As I listened to the proceedings, I was much impressed by their zeal and love for the church. I said in my talk that when our Christian sisters are so keen and zealous in the service of the Master, I can see that the future of the Indian church is bright. I appealed to them that through the N. M. S., they may include "witnessing" as an item of their programme, so that the Church of Chandigarh may become not only a "serving church", but also a "witnessing church", and thus win the city of Chandigarh for Christ so that one day its name may be changed from " Chandigarh" to " Christigarh".

Patiala. In Patiala Mr. P. N. Sewak—(Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax) my old friend from Allahabad, was my kind host. He took me round in his car to meet the D. S., Pastor and other Christians. Mr. S. H. Herbert, Mr. Herbert Ally, and his old father who knew all about the N.M.S. I am hopeful that with such old lovers of the Society N.M.S. will again flourish in the Punjab. There is an old beautiful small church in the Maharaja's garden, where at the evening Sunday Service I gave the N. M. S. message and more people got interested.

Rupar. From Patiala I went to Rupar to see Rev. Jalaluddin who is one of the leading ministers of the Presbyterian church in the Punjab. But unfortunately, he was detained at Jagadri for some meetings and I could not meet him. I, however, met at his house his brother-in-law—Mr. Alfred Zaheer from Amritsar who is a keen supporter of all national causes and we hope he will be a great help in reviving the N.M.S. at Amritsar.

Simla. When I reached Simla, I found Rev. Mohinder Singh—priest in charge of the Anglian church (old Viceroy's

church) packing as he was under orders of transfer. He had old associations with the N.M.S. and was glad to meet me. He arranged for my accommodation in the church guest room and said that I could count on his help in his new station. Mr. Joseph Deena Nath whose elders rendered great service to the N. M. S. in the Punjab has agreed to act as our Secretary in Simla. I visited several friends and in the evening saw the Bible Reading room run by the O.M.S. They were showing a religious film and the hall was packed to capacity and many were standing outside. When I saw this crowd so eagerly seeing the Christian picture and listening to the Gospel message, my heart yearned that we may be able to open such Bible Reading rooms in the villages of India to satisfy the spiritual hunger of the masses of India and thus win them for Christ.

Jullundur. In Jullundur, Mr. Eric Banerji was my kind host. He is the Punjab representative on the All India Council. He helped me a lot and gave me the names and addresses of persons I should contact in the Punjab during my tour. He took me round to Pastors and other friends. Here I met Canon Stanley Hag, Priest-in-charge of the big Cantonment Church in whom I found an old N.M.S. suppporter who is willing to help us again.

Surranussi. is about 5 miles from Jullundur and the Mission has shifted their Schools etc. to this place. It is a fast growing colony and in the near future it will be a big centreof Christian activities. I met the young Pastor Rev. D. J. Immanuel who is an energetic young man and a keen evangelist. He took me round to meet some leading Christians and has promised to help us to the bestof his ability.

NEWS FROM SHAHDOL.

The Hospital. In June and July, additional in-patients had to be admitted up to 11. Three out of four rooms downstairs have been released for in-patients; still there are beds only for 7. The need for additional accommodation is becoming increasingly acute. The income in June was the highest in the last two years, mainly from in-patients.

A Site to be acquired. The landlord of the vacant site just opposite to the rented hospital building has offered it for sale for a much smaller price than last year in appreciation of the doctor's self-sacrificing service. The Committee has voted to purchase it.

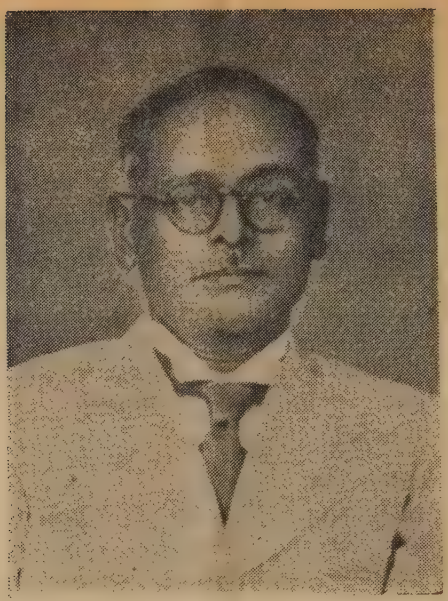
Prof. C. B. Rao. Mr. Chandra Basu Rao who was appointed evangelistic missionary for Shahdol District landed at Bombay Airport on July 2nd, and is visiting his relatives, and entered upon his duties as missionary from 15th July. Besides his primary duties as an evangelistic missionary, he will help in hospital accounts, and in the building programme in view of the appointment of a Business Manager having been postponed.

Wedding at Baikuntpur. The news of forthcoming wedding of Prof C. B. Rao and Dr. Ramabai Gopal has been very warmly welcomed by the Committee and in N. M. S. circles. We feel sure that this important step taken by our doctor and the new missionary under the guidance of the Lord will prove of very great strength to our work in Shahdol.

The Burhar Colliery. The colliery authorities are donating the barbed wire needed for fencing our 13 acre N. M. S. site, one mile away from the N. M. S. Hospital. Our cordial thanks go to the authorities.

Mrs. V. S. Krupadanam. Mrs. Krupadanam who served us from January 1956 to October 1957 at Murwahi and from November 1957 to June 1959 at Shahdol has taken up work as Warden, Community Hostel for Girls. We are thankful for the period she could help us, and now that her family needs made this necessary, we thank her for her services and wish her well in her new sphere of labour where she will find scope for good personal service for which her age and experience fit her.

G. Devasahayam,
President,
Lutheran Branch of the N.M.S.



Sri J. D. JESUDASON, B.A., B.L.
President, N.M.S. Branch, Madura.

Joseph David Jesudason, the fifth son of Sri David Pillai was born on the 23rd of September, 1895 at Sholavandan in the Madurai Dt.

After completing his High School studies in the Wesley High School, Royapettah, Madras he joined the Wesley College where he got his F. A. Diploma. He evinced a keen interest in athletic activities from his boyhood. When he was in the Wesley College, he represented the institution as a member of the Cricket Team which took part in the Inter-University Tournaments held at Serampore.

After completing his B. A., in the Christian College, Madras in 1913, he joined the Law College and finished his law course in 1916. Till 1919 he worked as an English Assistant in St. John's High School, Palamcottah.

He became a member of the Madurai Bar in 1919. Even after joining the Bar at Madurai in 1919, he distinguished himself as a member of the local Bench and Bar Cricket Club which won for him Mr, Chandrasekara Iyer (the

retired High Court Judge of Madras), the Raja of Ramnad and the Raja of Sivaganga as his close associates.

He evinced very great interest in the N. M. S. ever since 1925. The burning zeal he had for the N. M. S., made him the President of Madurai Branch. He kept the N.M.S. Torch burning till his death.

He was also a member of the Governing Council of the American College and a member of the Hospital Committee of the Christian Mission Hospital for over 12 years.

He was the Founder President of the Madurai City Christian Co-operative Building Society for a period of 30 years. It has been estimated that more than 1000 houses, big and small, were built during his tenure of office.

He passed away peacefully in his sleep during the small hours of the morning on the 4th of June 1959. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and three sons. May his soul rest in peace.

KANNADA KRISTHA MITRA MANDALI BOMBAY.

Annual Report of the Kanarese Branch of the National Missionary Society, Bombay, for the year 1958–1959:

Dear Friends,

With a view to further the interests of the N. M. Society amongst the Kanarese Christians of this great city of Bombay, the above branch was formed as a part of the Kannada Kristha Mitra Mandali by Shri. J. Amoda on 26—5—1948. That the branch has been functioning true to its objectives all these years is a cause for our jubilation this moment. We, therefore bow our heads in humble praise for the unlimited grace bestowed by the Lord for the service rendered during the past 11 years through Men, Matters and opportunities.

Report of the activities of the branch:

As a result of the prayerful activities of the working committee, there was substantial increase in the number of active workers as well as collection of funds. Six more members have come forward for the N.M.S. work including

two women. The number of N.M.S. Volunteers has risen to ten. They are M/s. A. C. Furtado, J. Christopher, J. P. Ashwal, R. Christa Priya Karkada, Peter Amanna, M. A. Vincent, G. J. Karkada. M. V. Ashwal, Miss Susanna Salins and Mrs. Alice J. Ashwal. Subscriptions from the aforesaid members are collected regularly and remitted to Madras.

Annual Collections:

The Provincial Secretary, Shri J. Amoda came down from Mangalore and made the annual collections from April till June. The collections have come through Shri A C. Furtado the Secretary. May the Lord shower His blessings on all kind givers.

N.M S. Prayer Week.

The programme for this week was extended to October and the various Christian organizations in the city and suburbs were requested to observe it. Nine organizations responded to this call. The collections that were received were accepted with gratitude.

Vikhroli Prayer Service:

Prayer meetings were conducted once a week and the total collection of offertories was donated towards clearance of the debt of the N. M. Society as usual. May the Lord bless and guide the families there for his own name's sake.

The working Committee of the K.K.M. Mandali.

The working committee have taken pains to see that the N. M. S. work is carried on smoothly. During the year under report they had joined hands with the N.M.S. workers in chalking out the N.M.S. Prayer Week programme. There was a proposal that the working committee should bear the M. O., Postal and such other sundry expenses of the N.M.S. work. There was also a move to lend a helping hand in the expansion work of the N.M.S. Acknowledging all these acts of kindness, we not only thank the members of the previous working committee but also welcome the new ones and pray for their guidance and well-being. The new committee consists of Shri M. A. Vincent—President, Shri Godwin J. Karkada — Secretary Shri Prema S. Ashwal—Treasurer. M/s. Samuel Ratna and Sarvothama Sumitra—Members.

Thanks-giving :

Finally, we thank all those who have lent us a helping hand in the matter of funds and Prayer Week programme; and in particular we thank M/s. N Salins and Austin Salins for all the assistance they have given us. We also thank all the volunteers who have spared their time and energy in assisting us. May the almighty Lord bless them and strengthen their hands in every respect and utilise them for His glory is our constant prayer.

M. A. Vincent.	Godwin J. Karkada.	J. P. Ashwal
(President)	*(Secretary)*	*(Secretary)*
Kannada Kristha	*Mitra Mandali.*	*N.M.S, Branch.*

TEN DAYS IN COIMBATORE

A letter was received from Mr. Deva Sathyaraj, the Secretary of the N. M. S. Branch, Coimbatore stating that a visit by the Organising Secretary of S. India was urgent to revive the Branch as well as the interest among the Christians there. Considering the urgency of the neeedI spent ten days there in the month of July.

A very good programme was arranged for me which not only provided opportunities to meet the Christians in Coimbatore but also to speak in the Churches at Podanur, Singanallur, Madukarai and Mettupalayam which were at distances ranging from five to twenty two miles from Coimbatore.

Though there was heavy rain almost daily, my work was not affected in any way. I had fifteen meetings to address, of which seven were for women groups; six for congregations of different Churches and two for institutions. My talk on work at Nepal, Jawadi Hills, Puri and new conversions in our old fields Puram and Katteri was heard with much interest. When it was stressed that three of the N. M. S. Fields were within their Diocese and therefore they had a great responsibility towards the Society, their interest was kindled to a large extent. Many friends came forward with generous contributions in cash and a few brought bundles of old clothes to be sent to Jawadi Hills.

The last meeting was a business meeting, to which the well-wishers and friends of the Society were invited. There were about twenty people. Tea with light refreshments was served before the commencement of the meeting. The President of the branch Mr. William, chaired the meeting and I gave a short address and appealed to the group to give all co-operation to the Branch to be active always in future.

After some discussion about the future programme of the Branch, new office-bearers were elected for the Executive Committee and representatives from all Churches and institutions in and around Coimbatore were drawn in to constitute the Branch.

I had a very useful and happy time during my stay there and I was met with encouragement in every place and in every group. The Society has become very dear to the Christians at Singanallur, Madukarai and Mettupalayam. They have assured me of their continued support and interest in the Society in future. The women's fellowship and the Congregation of the C.S.I., Podanur, evinced a great zeal and enthusiasm, as usual, in the work of the Society and contributed liberally from their funds.

In conclusion, I express my gratitude to Mr. Deva Sathiaraj for having arranged the programme for me and accompanying me to meetings, Dr. & Mrs. Robert Pichai for providing accommodation and hospitality and also to all the Pastors and Secretaries of Women's Fellowships and Leaders of the Churches who were kind and helpful to me and to my work in every way.

E. L. JOSHUA,
Organizing Secretary, S. India.

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SOME FACTS ABOUT C.S.I. MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

A. *Our interest in C. S. .I. Missions covers four main fields*

1. Overseas Mission—Thailand and possible extensions : Rev. & Mrs. Paul Manikkam offered to do Missionary work in Thailand. We need to support and sustain them and their work in that new and distant land with our funds, and even more, with our prayers.

2. Indigenous Missions in India connected with the C.S.I. Synod Board of Missions–Nirmal (Medak Diocese), Parkal (Dornakal). Toda Mission (Nilgiris). Wynad Malabar), Jayakondan and Manaparai (Trichinopoly).

3. Mission outside C.S.I. Area : Gondawana (Nagpur Diocese).

4. Home Missions within the various Dioceses :— Kodumudi in Coimbatore, Kamareddi in Medak, Thalvadi in Mysore.

B. *Madras Diocesan Mission :*

1. Avadi Mission was established by the Madras Diocese on September 1st, 1956 and comprises 4 centres and continues to flourish. The Board was asked to guarantee Rs. 2,000 per annum for its support until buildings have been erected in Avadi and Ambattur.

2. Other Missions within the Diocese are at Ponneri, Jothinilayam and Madras City Mission.

N.B.—There will be a City New Churches Building Fund for the purchase of land and to share in the construction of new Churches as the need in Madras City areas : The first stage envisaged is at Avadi, Aminjikarai, Ayanavaram, Kodambakkam and Ambattur areas are preparing a second stage.

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PRAYER TOPICS

Let us thank God.

For the healing ministry of Mr. Seshuratnammal in the churches in the city of Madras.

For the clearance of debt of the Society and the generous donations received to effect the clearance.

For enabling the Society to open a new field at Pachparwa, Gonda Dt., and for the response of an Evangelist Aruldhas to work in Jawadi Hills in co-operation with the Samuels.

For the success of the Ladies' Auxiliary Sale in Madras City and in Madura.

Let us pray :

For the Lord's guidance in the ensuing Executive Committee meetings to be held at Nasrapur from 28th to 30th of September.

For God's leading and blessing on the two Gospel Teams-one to Bombay and the other to Miraj.

That sufficient strength and health may be granted to Miss K. Sircar, Miss M. M. Singh, and Mr. M. M. Mathai who is taking treatment in a hospital at Allahabad.

That Mr. Prem Dayal Pradhan may be enabled to join the Fellowship at Butwal.

For God's blessings on the Churches and Institutions, especially during the N. M. S. Week and Day of Prayer from 4th to 11th October.

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"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
Then said I, Here am I; send me.

MORAL AND SPIRITUAL CHAOS

— How Jeremiah viewed it —

BY

Dr. Anjilvel V. Matthew, Bangalore.

1. General Breakdown.

Jeremiah saw moral and spiritual bankruptcy all around him. The rich and the poor, the high and the low, all alike forgot the ways of God and walked in their own imagination. Poetically he describes how he saw the ways of death all around.

Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem,
and see now and know,
and seek in the broad places thereof,
if you can find a man,
if there be any that doeth justly,
that seeketh truth;
and I will pardon her.

And though they say, as Jehovah liveth,
surely they swear falsely.
O Jehovah, do not thine eyes
look upon truth?
Thou hast stricken them,
but they have refused
to receive correction:

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they have made their faces
harder than a rock;
they have refused to return.
Then I said, surely these are poor;
they are foolish;
for they know not the way of Jehovah,
nor the law of their God:

I will get me unto the great men,
and will speak unto them;
for they know Jehovah,
and the law of their God.
But these with one accord
have broken the yoke,
and burst the bonds. Jer. 5: 1–5.

When he saw the poor and the ignorant disregard the ways of God, he thought it was through their poverty and ignorance that they did it. Then he looked at the better class of people. He thought that they might have more sense. He was disillusioned by them also.

Lord we have all gone astray as sheep. Have mercy upon the leaders of the people and the common folk so that we may all turn unto Thee with a contrite heart. Amen.

2. Property has become a snare

God wants His children to be happy. He created man after making full provision for his needs. The creation story of the Hebrews given in Genesis Chs. I and II indicates it. But it is man's misfortune and folly that when God blesses in abundance, those who receive this abundance forget the giver and enjoy without reference to Him the blessings He gives. This was what offended the moral sense of all true prophets; and they said that God was sure to punish this ingratitude. Says Jeremiah:

How can I pardon thee? thy children have forsaken me,
and sworn by them that are no Gods.
When I had fed them to the full,
they committed adultery,
and assembled themselves in troops
at the harlots' houses:

they were as fed horses roaming at large;
every one neighed after his neighbour's wife.

Shall I not visit
for these things? saith Jehovah;
and shall not my soul be avenged
on such a nation as this? Jer. 5: 7-9.

In their prosperity they have a tendency to ignore the fact of God's justice; they seem to forget even His very existence.

For the house of Israel and the house of Judah
have dealt very treacherously with me, saith
Jehovah.
They have denied Jehovah, and said, It is not he;
neither shall evil come upon us;
neither shall we see sword nor famine.
Jer. 5: 11-12.

Lord, when thou dost send us Thy blessings make us thankful. From all forms of ingratitude and from the folly of ignoring Thy truth and Thy justice, deliver us, good Lord.

Note: Dr. Anjilvel Matthew, President N. M. S. branch, Bangalore is writing the series of articles to be published in instalments. We are sure they will be helpful for study and meditation.

REPORT OF THE TOUR OF MR. A. V. SINGH, Org. Secy. N. India

(continued)

Amritsar. In Amritsar Miss W. F. Jacob F. R. G. S. (my-sister-in-law) was my kind hostess. Enjoying her kind hospitality, I made Amritsar my temporary headquarters for visiting the following surrounding important Christian centres: Tarn Taran, Asrapur, Batala, Gurdaspur, Pathankot, Kangra, Palampur and Jandiala. I could not meet the Bishop of Amritsar as he was down with heart attack and no one was allowed to see him. I saw Major Caleb who has retired from military service and as I understand, is now working as the Diocesan Secretary. He was glad to learn about the N. M. S. and promised to support it. I also saw Rev. Sohan Lal and some other leading laymen, when I was at Amritsar. One day Mrs. Indira Gandhi, the President of the Congress came there and addressed a public

meeting. Thousands of people gathered to listen to her message and presented her with a purse of Rs. 1 Lakh. Her message was that we should depend on ourselves instead of on Government and others. She praised the people of the Punjab for their zeal and generosity. As I listened to her, I prayed that the Christians of the Punjab may not lag behind in their zeal for Christ and generosity for the spreading of the Kingdom of God in India.

Tarn Taran. In Tarn Taran, there is a Mission Leprosy Hospital and Home in charge of Canon (Dr). A. P. Das. He gave me a hearty welcome and offered some useful suggestions. He sent me in his car to the Pastor in charge Rev. Wazir Shah, but unfortunately he was out of station. I, however, met his wife—Mrs. F. Wazir Shah, an old supporter of the N. M. S. who said "This is our own National Society and we must support it".

Asrapur. When I went to see Rev. Asghar, Priest-in-charge, he was lying in bed with a broken leg in plaster, but his talk and remarks were very encouraging. He said, "We will surely help you and also pray for the N. M. S." Miss Sant Singh who has retired from the Education Dept. has her home there. She is a keen worker in the Punjab Diocese giving her full time and energy for the improvement of the church. She said to me, "Since you have come to me, I will now take interest in the N.M.S." and I hope that she will take up the cause of the N.M.S with equal zeal. Dr. Bhan, in-charge of the Mission Hospital, and Subedar (Rtd.) Badhawa Mall also promised to help.

Batala. I saw Dr. Ram Singh—Principal of the famous Batala Mission College, and the pastors and other friends. Miss Nihal Chand (one of the National leaders there) is the Principal of the Gandhi Memorial Girls' School. She was delighted to see me and hear about the N. M. S. Her remarks are significant. She said, (1) 'Abjagi hai' N. M. S. bahut dinon ke bad *i.e.*, glad that the N. M. S. has revived though after such a long time. (2) I used to inquire about N. M. S.—what has happened to it". (3) "On the occasion of the Silver Jubilee we made silver bags &c." and she talked about their love for N. M. S. and the work they did in olden times in the Punjab with nostalgic feelings. She is still willing to act as the local Secretary and help in any way possible.

Gurdaspur. In Gurdaspur, I visited Miss Bakshi—Principal of Happy School and Mrs. Amber—Dist: Inspectress of Schools. Rev. Arthur N. Williams is the Secretary of the Gurdaspur Church Council and has promised to popularize the N. M. S. by speaking to the Pastors at their conferences &c.

Pathankot. In Pathankot, I saw Miss Singh—the Principal of the Girls' School, Rev. Daniel Khushi Mall, Rev. Naseem Alam, some elders of the Church and leaders of the youth group there. They were interested to know about N. M. S. and wanted more detailed information, as some of them heard about the N.M.S. for the first time and needed to be educated about it. Hope Miss Singh and the Pastors will give a start for which they have promised.

Kangra. Saw Rev. & Mrs. Baksh. They were glad to see me and Rev. Baksh promised to increase his church contribution to the N. M. S. Mrs. E. I. Ponsonby (sister of Mr. Eric Banerji) is the Principal of the Girls' School there. She showed keen interest and spoke to her teachers about the N. M. S. and asked them to support this national cause. At my request, she agreed to act as the local Secretary and give a start to the N.M.S. I also visited the Mission Hospital there and saw Dr. (Miss) Neelam and Dr. (Mrs.) Peters and gave them the N. M. S. greetings and appealed for support.

KATTERI FIELD NEWS

The caste group of 8 persons baptised at Karagarevn are still facing persecution from their relatives. Devasahayam, the leader, is burning with zeal for Christ. He prays so fervently for the salvation of his Hindu parents and younger brother. All of them stand firm for Christ. Sathiadasen is equally bold in his witness for Christ. Devasahayam goes about giving Christian tracts and Gospel portions. Their sufferings for Christ's sake only help them to grow stronger in their faith. One of Devasahayam's children is with me at Katteri, studying in the Vth class. This group of believers is a great strength to the other converts in this area. It is obvious the Holy spirit is working powerfully in their midst.

On the 23rd August, I baptised at Thimmampet, two men who were up against the Christians six months ago. Vajiram

had a vision of our Lord Jesus Christ and immediately surrendered himself to the Lord. The other by name Munuswamy just wanted to try whether Jesus Christ would answer his prayers. He did receive the blessing he asked for from the Lord. They both gave their testimony and received baptism with new names Sathiaveeran and Jeyaseelan, respectively. Gurudoss and Jeyamoni brought their children for baptism. Gurudoss' father is still scolding him for embracing the Christian fold. But Gurudoss is very patient with him and prays earnestly for the conversion of his father.

The small congregation here numbering 25 is anxious to have a separate shed for worship. So, I approached Sri Muthu Gounder, a land lord, for a small portion of land for constructing a shed to be used as our Jebalayam. He has promised to do so, as he himself seems to know more of Christ. Recently I presented him with a copy of the Tamil New Testament. Let us praise God for this witnessing Church.

R. GNANADIKKAM

MESSAGE FROM THE INTER-ASHRAMS' CONFERENCE.

Representatives of Christian Ashrams met in Conference at the Christu-Kula Ashram, Tirupattur, July 20–24, send greetings to all our Ashram Friends and fellow-Christians: "Grace be to you, and Peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

St. James in his epistle has said. "Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him show out of a good conversation (i e. conduct) his works with meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envy and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."

We have seen the life of the world in which we live, the confusion which the wisdom of the world has brought about, and we are ready to say it is devilish. In Christ alone are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, and in Christ alone we believe we have the Way, and Truth and the Life. It is this living Christ, who has triumphed over sin and death whom we want to present to the world that is in despair. This faith therefore calls each one of us to take our Christian discipleship seriously, that we may present this living Name both in our lives and by our lips. For this great task of bringing Christ's healing and victory to men and women in this world, suffering from hunger, injustice, sin, fear and hatred, we must repent and be disciplined, guided and empowered by His Holy Spirit. As soldiers in Christ's Army we have to obey His simple rules; and many of you will find it a help to keep to a *Rule of Life* as St. Francis taught his Third Order of brothers to do; and several Ashrams have Associate Members of those who endeavour to live by a Rule. Such rules may include the following:-

1. "Watch and Pray"—We must be all the time watching (i. e. looking to Jesus) but we must also take a definite time each day for intensive prayer. Jesus was up early morning before dawn; let us *follow His example.* (Mark i, 35.)

2. "Hear My sayings and do them. The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." We must *listen* to Him and *study His Word*; that includes the whole Bible, but especially the Gospels.

3. "Be not anxious for your life what ye shall eat... nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on (i. e. live simply, do not hoard up) for your heavenly Father knoweth that you have need of all these things, but *seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness:* and all these things shall be added unto you." (*put first things first.*)

4. "Love your enemies...do good to them that hate you...forgive and you shall be forgiven,...Be ye therefore merciful as your Father also is merciful." Harbour no resentment against any, let no critical or unloving thought dwell in your mind...*be merciful and kind even to the ungrateful.*

5. "One is your Lord (even Christ) and you are all brethern". *No barriers of cast, class or race*, but every man a brother for whom Christ died.

6. "I must work the works of Him who sent Me. He that believeth on Me the works that I do shall he do also. If I have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. Preach the Gospel to every creature." "Ye are witnesses to these things." We must work, and *do humble service*, and witness to Christ both by our lives and by our words.

7. "Receive ye the Holy Spirit." "You have not received the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." We need heavenly wisdom, purity, power and love; all these come from Him as the sap comes from the vine into the branches, and only so can we bear fruit. Mere self discipline is not enough, *we must abide in Him, and let Him abide in us.*

As we seriously seek to keep these simple rules, and make Jesus Christ the Lord to take control of every part of our lives we shall find that He is guiding us and working ever more powerfully in our lives to make us a blessing to others, and we shall have the joy of bearing fruit and being His true disciples.

God grant us courage for times like this, that we may follow the Master's footsteps in the way of the Cross - the way of suffering love. God grant that we may turn our "seeing" of Christ's way, into "loving" obedience to Him. "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, that ye love one another."

Assuring you of our fellowship with you in prayer at this time, and willing always to be at your service,

With loving greetings from your friends in the Ashrams who desire to share in the service of the Church and His Kingdom.

Christu-Kula Ashram,
Tirupattur, N. A.

Ernest F. PATON,
For the Continuation Committee.

THE LATE MISS V. CHELLASAMY OF PURAM

Miss Violet Chellasamy was born in 1910 and educated at St. Ebba's School and Bentinck School in Madras. After her education, she was associated with her mother Mrs. R. Chellasamy and the late Miss Jeyamani Taylor who were working as Missionaries in the Puram Field, Tirupattur. She was a Secondary Grade teacher and worked in the N M. S. Higher Elementary School, Chandrapuram from 1945 till May 1954. Due to continued illness she resigned and stayed with her mother.

Miss Chellasamy's work in the school was excellent and she was greatly interested in the orphan girls brought up by her mother. Her Christian character was the admiration of all Christians and non-Christians in Puram.

After Mr. Chellasamy had retired, both the mother and the daughter had settled down in Tinnanur and had real Christian fellowship with the families in Dasarpuram. Miss Chellasamy's health continued to be very unsatisfactory; and when Mrs. Seshuratnammal was doing healing ministry in Madras, she and Mrs. Chellasamy were anxious to meet her. So, in her frail health, she was brought to the meeting where she heard the Gospel Message and was blessed by Mrs. Seshuratnammal. But God thought it right to call her Home where there is no sickness or suffering. So, on the 16th of July 1959 she quietly passed away in Madras. A close friend of the family writes about her as follows;—

> "Violet Chellasamy is not an ordinary mortal. I purposely use the present tense for she is still active, having passed into Eternal life. She

is still actively alive. It is not eternal existence that the Lord hath promised but Eternal life."

We thank God for the exemplary Christian life and character of the late sister and send her dear mother Mrs. Chellasamy and her relations our deep sympathy and condolence in their bereavement.

NEWS FROM SHAHDOL.

The marriage of Prof. C. B. Rao and Dr. Rambai took place at Baikuntpur, the former capital of the Korea State on 29th July. The couple returned to Shahdol on the 30th and left on the 31st on a ten day visit to relatives at Sagar, Nagpur, Bhilai and Bilaspur. Prof. C. B. Rao has settled down thereafter to organise our work along many directions. He has been asked by the committee to help in the building programme, and he has worked out the plans and estimate for a three—room structure, two of the rooms being set apart as nurses' quarters, and the longer room running by their side will be used as a place of worship whenever needed and at other times as a centre for evangelistic work. An urgent appeal is being made by the missionaries for donations being sent as speedily as possible to complete this first building. Thereafter, the buildings on our own site will have to be erected. The staff is gathering every Friday evening on our 13 acre N. M. S. site especially to pray for God's marvellous help to enable the Samaj to complete this work stage by stage. Your prayers are requested.

Prof. C. B. Rao has also organized special meetings every Thursday for English knowing people in the home of our Kerala Church members. A large number of educated Hindus who are invited also join at this time and share in singing, Bible reading and prayer. On the third week the subject was " Christian Fellowship " with God, the Father of Love, God, the Son of Grace, and with the Holy Spirit who gathers and sanctifies the Fellowship, and with one another. On the first Sunday when he was invited to preach, he spoke on " What is Chiristian Faith " and more than half the congregation consisted of non-Christians. Earnest prayers are requested from all N. M. S. friends that

those in whom the seed of faith is sprouting might be guided by the Holy Spirit to full faith and to baptism. In this orthodox area we desire that believers come into the Church as families.

J. D. ASIRVADAM.

N. M. S. AND THE INDIAN CHURCH

After a reading of the Call to Prayer by Bishop W. Q. Lash of Bombay about the task of the N. M. S., at the present evangelistic set up in the country viz., that the time has come for the Church in India to take up its evangelistic task and it has accepted it, I would like to express my view of the position of the N. M. S. Considering the present Indian Church without taking note of the evangelistic, educational and Medical work of Foreign Missions, the Indian Church in cities and towns has become self-supporting. But, if suddenly the Foreign enterprise is stopped, its extensive work will come to a stand-still as the Indian Church has not attained the spiritual status and financial strength to take up the whole task all on a sudden.

It is a joy to note that only recently the Indian Church has taken up this responsibility of carrying the Gospel to unevangelised places, in and outside the country. I am sure there are hundreds of thousands of villages in near and far off places in our country not yet touched by the Church and it is wondered when those places could be contacted with the Message. It will be admitted on all hands that only a fringe of this problem is now touched. Till the Church in India is able to take up the full responsibility in Evangelism, I believe the N. M. S, groups and individuals engaged in the task have their places. May the Lord of the Harvest strengthen the Indian Church and hasten that blessed time.

A Friend

Mr. Sam John of Puri Ashram writes as follows:

Mr. Natobar Pani, who had some evangelistic experience joined the Ashram on 1—11—58 with his wife and one child. His appointment was on the recommendation of Rao Bahadur Samuel Das and Mr. B. B. Das of the Bible

Society, Cuttack. He knows Oriya, Hindi and Telugu and can preach and sing Bhajans in these languages.

The Library room in the bazaar is used for preaching the Gospel to the city people who pass by for 2 days in the week. The Baptist Mission authorities have given the room for sharing with the congregation members for preaching work etc. But our trying to join them and work on alternating our days appeared to be futile and so we have preaching in the Library for two days in the week for the city people, one day in Telugu Fishermen's lines, one day in Oriya Fishermen's lines, one day in shoemakers' lines and one day in leprosy and ex-leprosy patients colony. People in these places hear the Word of God very patiently and interestedly and would like to hear again and again and so invite us. Now we have the gramaphone and records (received from Mr. N. K. Bose 24 and from the Faith Mission 13) which contain Bhajans and preaching about Salvation in Bengali, Telugu, Hindi and Oriya languages. This attracts people and thus helps the Evangelist in supplementing this with his own.

During the last car festival time, some Mission workers from different places in Orissa and some Theological students came here for three or four days to preach the Gospel and sell books near the Library. Then we and some members of the local Baptist Church jointly worked for the extension of His Kingdom. On other days, some interested Christians help us in the Library.

In a vast city like Puri, where there are about 30,000 Pandahs and Pundits and about 35,000 educated and un-educated Non-Christian rather Hindu population, who breathe in and out Jaganath and Loknath, whose temples are here and hundreds of images of their devis and devathas are in every nook and corner of the city and where people think that the high or low condition of their life is through the influence of these gods and goddesses, we need hundreds of evangelists to preach the Gospel among them. These evangelists should be well-equipped with the knowledge of our own and other religions and versed in different languages, especially in Oriya to convince the citizens of this place.

What can we expect from a solitary untrained and ill-equipped evangelist unless he is filled with and guided by

the Holy Spirit as the days of the Apostles. Mr. Natobar Pani, of course, does his best. He gives his helping hand in the masonry work and in any hard work of the Ashram and thus make himself useful in several ways in addition to evangelistic work.

Our requirements.

We want more buildings and more trained workers and trainees to work in this place. As I already said that this is an ideal place for a permanent Ashram, where boys can be trained for evangelistic work elsewhere, I think we should aim at that.

As this place is near the sea and is a quiet place, sometimes Christian Institutions or Groups want to come here for short retreats etc., and so more buildings will be necessary to make the place useful to other Christian friends.

Visitors.

During the period in question, several friends from Cuttack, Calcutta and other places visited the Ashram including Rev. J. D. Asirvatham, Dr. G. Devasahayam of Guntur, grand daughters of Prof. S. L. Sircar of Calcutta, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Mahanthy, Sub Divisional Magistrate and Mr. S. C. Roul Divisional Forest Officer of Nayaggarh.

Cycle.

The want of a cycle for the evangelist is keenly felt, more specially now for taking the gramaphone and records to long distances. The cost of a cycle is Rs. 175.

Mr. N. K. Bose of Calcutta, writes:

The project of a Children's House for the children of leper parents had to be abandoned due to objection having been raised by a local non-christian association on the grounds that these children will be subjected to Christian influence.

Life Members of the N. M. S.

(Continued from August 1959 issue of the N.M.I.)

Prof. A. I. DHAR, LUCKNOW.

N. M. S. OF INDIA

From 1st April 1959 to 31st August, 1959.

RECEIPTS

Opening Balance		Rs. 2870-00
Punjab	—	93-00
Uttar Pradesh, U. P.	—	2355-10
Delhi	—	165-00
Bengal – Calcutta	—	387-00
Bihar	—	110-00
Rajasthan	—	75-00
Bombay	—	637-86
Madhya Pradesh	—	399-75
Andhra	—	355-93
Kerala	—	525-96
S. Kanara	—	1661-78
Madras and Saidapet	—	1057-05
Madras Ladies' Auxiliary	—	2742-94
North Tamil Area	—	882-73
South Tamil Area	—	639-45
Special	—	19021-00
Birth Day Gift	—	86-00
N. M. I. and Deepikai	—	142-34
Miscellaneous	—	159-74
Interest on G. P. Notes	—	246-23
For Nepal work	—	640-00
,, Jawadi ,,	—	1110-00
,, Puri Ashram	—	755-00
,, Life Membership	—	626-00
Schools grants	—	4290-10
Field receipts	—	356-38
Suspense account	—	739-20
		Rs. 40260-54
Total Rs.		43130-54

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

EXPENDITURE

Puram Field	—	6365–68
Katteri	—	1934–18
Jawadi Hills	—	1059–38
Puri Ashram	—	2085–90
Pachperwa - advance	—	500–00
Nepal	—	759–35
Headquarters	—	2763–08
S. India Organising Secretary	—	1053–45
N. Indian ,, Secretaries	—	1235–03
Hon. General Secretary – Tour Exp :	—	189–69
Hon. Associate General Secretary	—	81–15
N. M. I. and Deepikai	—	1111–64
Gramaphone	—	212–54
N. Kanara (Agar Fund)	—	320–00
Loan to Luthern N. M. S.	—	1500–00
Fixed Deposits	—	12000–00
* General	—	534–59
Deputation tour expenses	—	466–59
Suspense refunded	—	600–00
Total Rs.		34,772–25
Closing Balance Rs.		8,358–29
Total Rs.		43,130–54

* Details for General Exp :

Printing	— Rs.	116–76
Indian Music	—	175–00
Corporation tax	—	75–36
Sundries	—	35–79
Standing Com exp.	—	99–71
Bank charges	—	31–97
		534–59

(Sd.) **Hon. Treasurer, N. M. S**

N. M. S. LADIES' AUXILIARY, MADRAS

We are glad to inform our readers that the Madras Ladies' Auxiliary through its Annual Sale this year realised Rs. 2,733/39. Every year, the Sale is organised by the Christian ladies of Madras and patronised by the N.M.S. friends in the city. The proceeds go to Puram work.

We are grateful to God and thankful to the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary who had spared no pains to make the Sale a success and friends who had sent gifts in cash and kind.

The statement of account of the Sale is given below:—

		Rs.	nP.
Vegetable Stall			
Dr. Mrs. L. Thambiah Mrs. Roberts ,, R. E. S. Muthiah	...	688	00
Refreshment Stall			
Mrs. J. G. Abraham Miss H. Stephen Mrs. Nathaniel ,, W. Devasahayam ,, P. R. Viswasam	...	547	00
General Stall			
Miss E. L. Joshua Mrs. C. P. Michael Miss L. Vedanayagam	...	588	07
Pullau Stall			
Mrs. Raghaviah ,, Daniel	...	181	58
Ice-Cream: Mrs, P. S. Gnanam	...	223	81
Lucky Dip			
Mrs. A. Mathan ,, T. M. Varghis ,, K. C. Jacob		361	25
Lime Juice: Mrs. Whitchurch	...	158	75
Medicines: Mrs. F. Smith	...	35	51
Gate Collections	...	30	63
Side Shows etc.,	...	109	05
Total	...	2923	65
Less Expense adjusted	...	190	26
Net income cash	...	2733	39

A GIFT

We are thankful for the donation of Rs. 500/- sent by Dr. Mrs. L. P. Gnaniah of Dindigul through Miss H. Stephen of Madras for the N. M. S. Dispensary at Jawadi Hills.

OBSERVANCE OF THE N. M. S. WEEK OF PRAYER

4th – 11th Oct. 1959.

The Madras Area Commitee, N. M. S., observes a Prayer Vigil on the 4th of October for 24 hours. The Area Committees, Branches and friends are requested to do the same, if possible. Or else, they may choose certain convenient hours on the 11th October to meet in their places for prayer and fellowship. For guidance, the following topics noted against each day may be remembered in prayer:—

4th	October	Sunday	Headquarters, Madras.
5th	,,	Monday	Katteri and Puram Fields.
6th	,,	Tuesday	Jawadi Hills.
7th	,,	Wednesday	Puri, Tirupattur, Manganam and other Ashrams.
8th	,,	Thursday	Butwal in Nepal and Pachparwa in Gonda Dt. U.P.
9th	,,	Friday	Shahdol and N. Kanara–Fields.
10th	,,	Saturday	All Office-bearers and Members of the Executive Committee, Ladies' Auxiliaries, Area Committees and Branches.
11th	,,	Sunday	Praise and thanks-giving for God's mercy and leading the Society in the past 54 years and guidance for the future.

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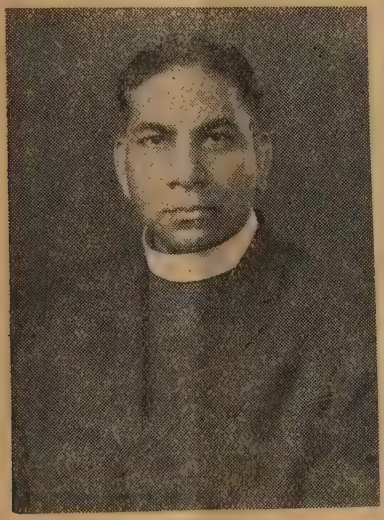
Then said I, Here am I; send me.



N. M. S. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Meeting at Nasrapur, September 28-30, 1959)

Opening Devotional Address by the President
The Rt. Rev. J. W. Sadiq.

" Where there is no vision, the people Perish. " - Proverbs 29 : 18.

My dear Friends,

In this my first address to you as President, I wish to speak to you very simply and humbly about the concerns of the National Missionary Society as I see them. Some of you may have read the letter I published in the February number

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of the National Missionary Intelligencer. The reflections I expressed there still remain with me, and have become clearer as I have thought of them in the light of the Holy Scriptures.

Discerning the signs of the times as well as redeeming the time are essential parts of Christian obedience and calling. Our Lord rebuked those who could discern the face of the sky, but could not discern the signs of the times. And the Apostle Paul exhorts the Christians of his day, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time...". The prophecy of Joel had indicated a deep connection between the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit and the gifts of prophecy, visions and dreams. The writer of the Proverbs from which we have selected one was surely right when he pointed the fatal dangers attendant upon lack of vision. Vision involves 'seeing the invisible' and seeing something beyond the visible. It is because of this that a Christian is not beguiled or terrified by appearances, but in the midst of most tragic situations can see the hand of God bringing redemption. Nor is he easily misled by easy successes and cosy achievements. Christian vision is based on realism. "Christianity's view of history is tragic insofar as it recognizes evil as an inevitable concomitant of even the highest spiritual enterprises. It is beyond tragedy insofar as it does not regard evil as inherent in existence itself but as finally under the dominion of God." (Reinhold Niebuhr). This is the biblical realism which Dr. Kraemer so admirably expounded in his "Christian Message in a non-Christian World." This is the true dimension of Christian vision, the lack of which is fatal not only to people, but organisations, societies as well as the Church itself.

In the Holy Scriptures, many visions are presented to us, but there are four which are most relevant and challenging to us at the present time, and these must become our visions too.

There is, to start with the Old Testament, the vision of a world without war. "And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruninghooks ; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Again, "They

shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea". "So said Isaiah, the Seer who also foretold the coming of the Prince of Peace. The prophecy of the coming of the Saviour was fulfilled, and His birth was heralded with the angelic song of peace and goodwill. He taught the way of love and reconciliation, the way of loving the enemy and praying for him. He died to show that love is the only conqueror of hatred and enmity, and sealed the evidence of this truth by rising again from the dead. "They that take up the sword shall perish by the sword." He warned. His kingdom is the Kingdom of right relationships, and the vision of Isaiah is echoed in the Book of Revelation which proclaims that the kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ. Let this vision and its implications, which we shall see later, never fade from our souls.

There is, secondly, the vision of a united Church. No one to-day justifies the divisions of the Church. No one can, in view of the express will and prayer of the Master that His people should be one. Theologians assert that there is a given unity which the divisions of the Church may obscure but cannot deny. Prayers for Unity go up to God round the clock. What is needed is not the recognition of the sad spectacle of the divided Church—however important this may be and is—but the burning vision of a united family which claims the fruits of divine and human reconciliation. In India the very circumstances in which God has placed the Church should sharpen our vision.

Thirdly, there is the vision of 'the one flock and the one Shepherd'. The fact that there are about ten crores of people who have not even heard the name of the Shepherd mocks the Christian Church. It may be that we have said, 'Lord, Lord' and have not done the thing the Master commanded. Having regarded ourselves as the pet sheep of the Lord, we have forgotten 'the other sheep'. Perhaps we have not realised that 'there is no participation in Christ without participation in his mission to the world." Our Christianity is merely a label unless we recognise that necessity is laid upon us. Woe unto us if we preach not the Gospel. However, in the midst of our miserable failure, there stands the Lord's promise that He will draw all men unto Himself. The fact that our Lord Himself is the true

Evangelist, and that we can put ourselves at His disposal to help, should keep us humble and eager. Above all, we need to keep the vision clear before us. This alone will keep us from discouragement and despair and on our task till 'the end'.

Finally, there is the vision of the vast concourse before the Lamb's throne, consisting of people of all nations and tribes and tongues, bringing their peculiar gifts to lay at the feet of Him Who sitteth upon the throne. This vision challenges our loyalty to our indigenous heritage. What wealth of thought and culture that the Church in India has yet to make its own. Our Lord, by His Incarnation has for all times hallowed efforts to make the Church in every land rooted in Him but related to the soil. The Wise Men of the East brought their gifts to present our Lord. Will He despise the tribute which the Indian Church will bring to Him? Narayan Vaman Tilak, in whose land we meet, did not think so, for he sang:

When shall these longings be sufficed
That stir my spirit night and day?
When shall I see my country lay
Her homage at the feet of Christ?

Now a vision is not just to be seen but to be tanslated into action. I believe that the National Missionary Society, which itself was born out of discerning the signs of the times and out of a vision, should be deeply involved in the translation of these visions into action. Each one of them has a challenge and a call to the Society at this time. Let me say a word to explicate this affirmation.

I believe Evangelism, which is the raison d'etre of the Society, and the Ministry of reconciliation and peace are essentially the heart of the Gospel. No one who hates his brother and despises his enemy can preach the Gospel. War makes him do precisely these things. If Christ died for all men, how can we draw sword against one another? Has not the National Missionary Society an opportunity to give a much-needed witness? It's stand on this matter of war and peace will itself be a witness to a country hungering, thirsting and working for peace. I have not the slightest doubt that an open and unashamed avowal of the Ministry

of reconciliaton will increase the Society's effectiveness as an evangelistic and missionary enterprise.

No effort is necessary to indicate the part the Society should be playing in translating the vision of a united Church into action. By its very constitution it recognises the importance of comity and co-operation. But comity and co-operation are only half-way houses. They can never be the goal and end. If the missions in this Church can only effectively be carried out in unity, and unity is essential to the mission of the Church, then the Society must abandon its hesitation and caution in regard to promoting the cause of Church Unity. It is obvious that actual negotiations for Church Union must be carried on by the churches concerned, but there is much that can be done by other agencies to prepare the ground, and no other similar agency is in a better position to help this cause than the National Missionary Society. Born in the lap of a co-operative endeavour; reared in the bosom of a challenging missionary situation, and inspired by the goal of 'one flock and one shepherd', the Society must ever seek ways and means of helping Christians to be one that the world may believe. Denominational affiliation is an anachronism to be transcended.

Not much needs to be said about the vision of India at the feet of Christ. That vision is the life blood of the Society. Curiously, only on the border of India exist certain countries which have opened their doors to the Gospel. The vision, therefore, covers not only India but the neighbouring lands. But why should the vision stop short there? If the Christians are bidden by the Lord to go into all the world, no missionary society should limit its outreach, though it cannot ignore its primary obligation to the land which has given it birth. Let Tilak speak again:

> In sooth her name in letters bright,
> Before all other names I trow,
> Is write, Lord Christ, upon Thy brow,
> And her to serve is my delight.

Then finally, its very name should wed the Society to a life-long endeavour to bring the indigenous heritage of the country into the Church of Christ. The Society has certain natural and God-given advantages in this respect. Its

set-up is comparatively simple; its resources do not permit exotic paraphernalia; it has freedom to experiment with new ways of thought and action; and it is not suspect in the eyes of the Government and the non-Christian world. Its long association with a number of Christian Ashrams, is an added asset. Certainly in the field of missionary endeavour it has doors of opportunity to experiment with indigenous ways of commending the Gospel.

Thus it will be seen that the Society has an important role to play in obedience to the heavenly visions granted to His Church in India in these momentous days.

(To be continued)

THE N. M. S. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, NASRAPUR AND THE GOSPEL TEAMS TO WESTERN INDIA

The annual meeting of the Executive Committee was held at Nasrapur Spiritual Centre (near Poona) on the 29th and 30th of September, 1959. This is an ideal place for Retreats and Spiritual Conventions, and the members, twenty in all, were comfortably housed and fed. We owe our deep debt of gratitude to our hosts Mrs. M Krishnayya, Mrs. Sant Singh, Mr. Sundararaj, Mr. & Dr. Mrs. Aiman, Miss Chakranarayan, Miss A. C. Hensman and a number of others who had spared no pains to make our stay comfortable. We are also grateful to Mr. & Mrs. Sant Singh for the grand lunch they had provided on the day of our arrival at Poona.

On the 28th evening, a public Reception was arranged at the Y. M. C. A. Buildings, Poona which were gaily decorated. At the Reception, the three Bishops—J. W. Sadiq, M. M. John and Philipose Mar Chrysostom—members of the Executive spoke briefly on the N. M. S. Miss Joshua, our Organising Secretary for S. India also appealed to the audience for support.

The meetings at Nasrapur lasted for two days when some important changes in the present set up of the officers were recommended, especially the need for a paid General Secretary. Secondly, regarding the future of the Society, it was stressed that at a time when the churches should take up the evangelistic task in India, the N. M. S. had still a part

to play in close co-operation with the churches and help them in giving advice and supplying missionaries, if asked.

After a happy time of fellowship and spiritual uplift, the members left the centre with pleasant memories. Our grateful thanks are due to Mr. & Mrs. Crozier for so kindly making arrangements for our stay in the Spiritual Centre.

Taking advantage of our visit to W. India, a programme was arranged at Poona where some of the leading members addressed the congregations on Sunday, the 27th September in addition to calling on friends.

Prior to the Executive, a Gospel Team consisting of Miss E. L. Joshua, Rev. S. Gnanasundaramani and Mr. S. Deva Prasad visited Bombay. At the Byculla Y. M. C. A. a Reception was arranged to contact the N. M. S. friends of Bombay.

The members of the Team were given a programme to speak at six Churches on Sunday, the 27th September. It was felt that by these some of the congregations in Bombay would be able know something of the work of the N. M. S.

We are grateful to Mr. S. T. Edwards, President of the N. M. S. Branch, Bombay, Mr. Henry Devadoss, Secretary, Y. M. C. A. Byculla Branch and Mr. P. R. Gaikwad of the Neighbourhood House, Nagpada and a host of others who have taken the responsibility for the Team.

After the meeting of the Executive, another Gospel Team consisting of Dr. A. C. Abraham, Mr. Balasingam Satya and Mr. C. P. Michael visited Miraj at the invitation of Dr. S. D. Arawattigi and addressed meetings at the Hospital and in the churches.

It is hoped that as a result of the contacts made, a field in Maharashtra will be opened at the earliest opportutunity by the N. M. S. Branch which will have full responsibility over it. We thank God for all that he had done for the Team.

We are also thankful to all the Christian friends whom we had pleasure of meeting and discussing many things re: Missionary work in W. India.

A LETTER FROM REV. PAUL MANICKAM

C. S. I. Missionary to Thailand

Dear Friends,

After spending about 45 days in Bangkok, we arrived in Nan on the first of June, which will be the centre of our work, and the Headquarters of the new field of the C. S. I. Overseas Mission to Thailand. The original plan of the Church of Christ in Thailand was to send us to Chiengmai, the Northern Thai Provincial city. But now the Church has appointed us to Nan.

Nan is located about 400 miles directly north of Bangkok, quite close to the borders of Laos, but there is no proper conveyance between these two countries because of the long ranges of mountains in between. It is a small town with about 12,500 population, beautifully set up in a valley, with high hills on the west and east. The river running by the side of the town is also called 'Nan', which is one of the branches of the river Chao Phya, the biggest river in Thailand. Thailand is divided into 71 provinces and Nan is the capital of the province of that name, which has 5 districts. So, we have the office of the Governor and other provincial offices which make this, a busy city. The predominant religion of the town is Theravado Buddhism as it is throughout the country. There are 5 big Buddhist Pagodos in Nan which are not far from each other. Various ceremonies take place in these Pagodas quite often. Being a hilly country there are no proper conveyances nor are there good roads throughout this province. Travelling is a keen problem which must be faced.

The Christian Church in Nan is about 200 strong, with two schools up to grade 10, one for boys and another for girls. (Besides there are two Government schools of the same kind.) Mainly these two schools are the medium of evangelism in this area. There are no Roman Catholics in this location but a few 'Jehovah's Witnesses' who try to attract and attack our members at times. The Church of Christ in Thailand has 11 Districts and Nan is the headquarters of one among them. 'Phak' is the Thai word for region and so, these districts go by the name of Phak. 15 groups of Christians all over this province are attached to this Phak of Nan. The nearest is about 5 miles from here whereas the

farthest is 60. So far I have visited 5 of these and I should meet the others in course of time. There is no bus conveyance to these villages except to one, and to some I have to travel by lorries and to some by bicycle.

Few people know and speak English and so we are forced to learn their language since it is a 'tonic' one, that is, the meaning of a word varies according to the way in which it is intoned. Yet I find there is affinity between Thai and Sanskrit, and to some extent a slight resemblance with Tamil also, my own language. Also unlike India, there is only one language throughout Thailand and it helps us to serve at any part of Thailand after the study of the language. Of course, each area has its own dialect but again, there will not be much difference from another. Mrs. Manickam and myself have begun our study of Thai from the Principals of the local Boys' and Girls' schools. The former teaches the Reading and Writing of Thai, and the other, 'Spoken Thai.' We study with much interest and spend our time on it at present. The Spirit of the Lord helps us in our new venture. In a week, six days are spent on the study of Thai and only on Sundays I visit the villages with my interpreter. We hope in God that, within six months we will be able to speak in Thai and tell the people in their own language what Christ has done for us.

For the present we are the only Missionary couple in this Phak and the task before us is great. All your prayers are requested.

Thank God: (1) For the opening of the New Overseas Mission Field of the C.S.I., in Nan, Thailand.

(2) For the Christian Evangelistic work that it is tolerated and appreciated in Thailand.

Pray to God: (1) For the Christian work done in this Phak and specially through the two schools here.

(2) For the Manickams that they may learn the new language aright and quickly.

REPORT OF MR. A. V. SINGH

Organising Secretary, North India

(*continued*)

Palampur. Palampur is a beautiful place and was once a big Mission centre for evangelistic work in the surrounding area. Mr. P. Samuel, Principal of the Boys' School is an active Church—worker and we hope will help us in furthering the cause of the N. M. S. Rev. E. S. Davis-the Missionary in charge was very glad to hear about our national enterprise and gave his blessings and subscribed for 2 copies of the N. M. I., one for himself and the other for the office to keep in touch with the activities of the N. M S.

Jandiala. I saw Mrs. Thakur Das, the Missionary in charge and Rev. Kaul, the Pastor in charge. Rev. Kaul told me that in olden days he worked for the N. M. S. in Peshawar and was still willing to help.

Ludhiana. In Ludhiana Mr. C. K. Banerji, an old N. M. S. supporter who had worked with Miss Komolini Sircar, was my kind host and took me round to some friends. Rev. Stephens, Pastor in charge, showed much interest and gave his valuable time to take me round and introduce me to friends. He has invited me to visit Ludhiana again and he would arrange for my meetings. I also talked to a group of leading laymen who promised to help. I found an old N. M. S. Secretary in Allahabad. I am sure, if he agrees and works with the same zeal which he showed in Allahabad, he will prove an excellent Secretary for Ludhiana. With the Christian Medical College and a strong Christian Community, there is every possibility of a strong N. M. S. branch being formed there.

Hoshiarpur. From Ludhiana I went to Hoshiarpur and saw the local pastor and Rev. Amanat Khan who is the Dist. Superintendent and the Moderator of the Punjab Church Councils. We hope he will be of great help.

Nangal, Bhakhra. The names of Nangal and Bhakhra (once small villages) have become world famous. Thanks to Nehru for building two dams there. The Nangal Dam

has been completed, and the Bhakhra Dam is under construction and after completion will be the biggest or one of the biggest dams in the world. Tourists from all parts of the world come to see them. Nehru loves to call them "the new temples of India." Nangal being so close to Hoshiarpur and on hearing that there exists a good christian community there, I decided to go and meet these good christians who are helping in building these "new temples of India." I was delighted to meet Mr. Sircar (a nephew of Miss K. Sircar) and Mr. B. Samuel (an Engineer in Bhakhra Dam) who is the Church Secretary there. I was informed that the Christians have been given a plot of land free of cost to build their church. We hope and pray that these Christians will soon be busy in building not only "a new temple" but also a "new church." May this "new church" be symbolic of a "united church in North India" like the Union Church at Chandigarh. These friends have promised to remember the N. M. S. and help to the best of their capacity.

Ambala. In Ambala I contacted some laymen and Rev. Sagar Chand of the Presbyterian Church and Rev. F. M. Pershad of the Anglian Church.

Karnal. Rev. D. Prem Chand and friends encouraged me by their talk and promised to help.

During this trip I was able to enlist about 30 subscribers for the N. M. I. and collect Rs. 93/- as special donations from friends. Some well wishers promised to send their shares later to the Headquarters. At the instance of Mr. Eric Banerji this tour was primarily meant to contact friends of the N. M. S. As a result, interest has been created and we hope to have an Area Committee and open a field in the Punjab Area in due course of time. Punjab had been a stronghold of the N. M. S. in the past and supported more than one field. Vinobha Bhave while touring the Punjab said, "I have now come to "Sirhand" i.e. the "head of India." Let us pray that with their zeal and generosity the church of Punjab may once again give us the lead and become the "Sirhand" of the National Missionary Society of India.

A SERMON PREACHED BY BISHOP MAR CHRYSOSTOM, *Vice-President, N.M.S.* AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (COMMUNION SERVICE) AT NASRAPUR

Do you not say, there are yet four months and then came the harvest, I tell you, lift up your eyes and see how the fields are already white for harvest. Jn. 4:35. When Jesus said " Four months and the harvest will come ". We are not to think that he was speaking of the actual time of the year that was in Samaria at that time. If that were so it would have been somewhere round about January. There would then have been no exhausting heat and no scarcity of water. It would have been the rainy season. What Jesus is doing is, he is quoting a proverb. If you sow the seed you will have to wait at least four months before you can hope to begin to reap the harvest. And then Jesus looked up. Sychar is in the midst of a region that is still famous for corn. Agricultural land is very limited in stony, rocky Palestine. Practically nowhere else in the country could a man look up and see the waving fields of corn. So Jesus swept his gaze and his hand around "Look, he said, the fields are white and ready for harvest. They took four months to grow but in Samaria there is a harvest for the reaping now. For once it is the contract between nature and grace of which Jesus was thinking. In the ordinary harvest men sowed and waited. In Samaria things had happened with such divine suddenness that the word had been sown and on the spot harvest waited. H. V. Morton has a specially interesting suggestion about this passage. He himself was sitting at the place where the well was. As he sat he saw the people come out from the village and start to climb the hill. They came in little batches; and they were all wearing white robes and the white robes stood out against the ground and the sky. It may be that just at this point the people started to flock out to Jesus in response to the woman's story. The white robed crowd was the harvest he was eager to reap for God.

The incredible had happend. Here was something no man would expect. The Jews despised the Samaritans and regarded them as outside the purview of the divine drama of salvation. The Jews carefully kept themselves away from the Samaritans who they thought were hopeless. But when the grace of God operated among them there happened a change

which surpassed all human imagination. When God acts man wonders. This is the Christian message. In Christ the impossible has become possible, the unbridgable has been bridged, enemies have been adopted as children.

The Jews always looked for the golden age, the age to come, the age of God. In Christ the new age has come, and the waiting is ended. The time is fulfilled. This is the glorious day of the Lord. We often complain of our circumstance. What are the adversities and opposing forces that confront us in comparison to the overarching grace of God which surpasses all human hostility and barrenness. If only we look up and see the grace of God we would be different. The social, religious, organisational and other difficulties that crop up in the working and the running of the society often would baffle and dishearten us. But as we look up to God and see him in Christ and draw to Him in the Holy Eucharist to approriate the immeasurable riches he has stored for us in his church, we are filled and renewed with a new dynamic power. So the most important answer to all our problems is to look up and see God.

He is not one who lived in the hoary past and has become outmoded with the progress of science and advances of industry. He lives in the Eternal Now. He is now on the right hand of the Father, guiding, holding, ruling and overruling the world. The great possibilities and resources we have in Christ should spur us to action. 'Fear not little flock for it is your father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.' 'In the world ye shall have tribulation but be of good cheer for I have overcome the world.'

Look up and see the great possibilities around the Samaritans who were avowed enemies of the Jews and whom the Jews held in contempt were coming to Jesus enmasse. The time honoured prejudice and aversion of the Jews for the Samaritans kept the Jew away from them. When Jesus looked above all man-made prejudices to the basic needs of humanity he effected a miracle. When we are summoned to leave the traditional path of missionary technique to new and much neglected areas we often are tempted to exaggerate the futility and difficulties. The intellectual Hindu, we would say is too proud to be honest ; so much afraid of social ostracism that even if convinced he is not brave enough to act up to his convictions. Labour class and the trade unions we

label as incorrigible Communists. The Christian missionary is not prepared to take the trouble to study and sympathetically understand other religions. He has not the humility and the preparedness to understand the industrial worker in his background. Using some preconceived impressions as the form of judgment he classifies the whole group as impossibles. If only we will rise above our petty prejudices and view the whole question from a fresh and higher angle, new and fruitful areas of evangelism could be explored. It is the duty of the N. M. S. to look up and see the vast opportunities and possibilities that offer themselves in the midst of rapid social changes, renaissance of religions, political unrest and economic instability now prevailing in the country. Instead of allowing these factors to overwhelm us we should use them with overwhelming insight to the propagation of the gospel.

We have to look up and see the great possibilities latent in people. The Samaritan woman surely must have been a much despised person. A woman to the Jew was of no account. Every devout Jew prayed ' O God I thank thee for not having made me a woman or a leper.' No respectable Jew would talk to his wife in the street To add to that, this woman was a Samaritan – a race the Jews held in great scorn. To cap all these she was of lewd character. Jesus did not allow any of the local prejudices to stand in the way of his responsibilities. He looked up and saw what she could be. The result was that the whole village was brought to Christ. It is our duty to look out and find people of parts and use them to the evangelisation of India. The Samaritan woman was so to say, one despised by the whole world. Nobody cared for her, everybody shunned her. Her sex, her race, her past, were all against her and cordoned her off from all healthy social relationship. It was to such a woman degenerated to the depth of human degradation that Jesus starts a conversation. That really startled the woman. She really expected the Master to run away as she drew near the well. Not only did he remain there but forsaking all social conventions besought her service. She thought that she had made such a havoc of her life that no useful purpose could be served by her. Jesus by his request made her understand that the social obloquy which forced her to go to the well at mid-day offered her the splendid opportunity of quenching the thirst of many a way-worn traveller. It was such a glorious revelvation to her that she could hardly believe herself.

So she asked ' do you know to whom you are talking ? Do you really know who I am or are you labouring under some misapprehension ? ' Jesus smiling by retorts ' you do not know to whom you are talking. ' Nothing she thought could atone for her sin. Jesus' complaint was that she had not yet drunk from the unfathomable depth of the grace of God. If only we could help people to know the glory of the riches they have in Chirst Jesus what a service it would be !

Racially, socially and even morally they may be much despised people. But in Christ they could be centres of living water. This is what Jesus told the woman. This is the message we are called to witness to. The church and the congregations we complainof have become dull and lukewarm. The Mission fields we label as gospel resistants have to be helped to drink from the grace of God so that rivers of living water may flow from them. This is what we are to think and plan. What is our responsibility ? Let us look up and see. We are not to look at one another or around us or into us. We are to look up. Seeing the latent possibilities in India, let us go forward in great expectation and real confidence. The field is white unto harvest.

N. M. S. BRANCH, DINDIGUL

A REPORT

As a new Joint Secretary of the N. M. S. Branch, Dindigul, I have the privilege to write a few lines in this present issue.

I am a teacher in the C. S. I. High School, Dindigul as well as the Warden of the Boarding Home attached to this School. Besides attending to my School work and hostel work, I am now given an 'Extra' by our Organizing Secretary for S. India and I have accepted it heartily and cheerfully without any hesitation. God has given me the courage to shoulder this new responsibility.

Practically it is a new job to me and I take it in the light of a 'Bond Servant' which is a call for every true Christian.

Miss Joshua visited our town, Dindigul when the Church was busily engaged in celebrating the Harvest Fesival on Saturday 12th and on Sunday, 13th '59.

On Sunday, 13th she spoke to the children of the Sunday School of our Church. And on the next day, 14th Monday, '59, she gave an address to the pupils of the C. S. I. High, School, Dindigul, in the morning Assembly. She made an appeal to our pupils to extend their co-operation for the successful work of the N. M. S. which has undertaken the preaching of the Gospel to the most backward and uncultured areas in India, which have not yet known about Christ, the Saviour. The meeting was over after a vote of thanks given by Mr. M. Devadason, B.A., L.T., Headmaster, C. S. I. High School, Dindigul.

Rev. Nalliah, the President of the N M. S. Branch, Dindigul, was accompanying her to all the meetings held in Dindigul.

D. STEPHEN KANAGARAJ.
Joint Secretary.
N. M. S. Branch, Dindigul.

Life Members of the N.M.S.

(Continued from October 1959 issue of the N.M.I.)

Miss R. LEO-DAVIDE, BULANDSHAHR

NEWS FROM COIMBATORE

A general meeting of the N. M. S. was convened on 19-7-'59 at 5 p.m. in the Y.M.C.A. Thirteen members attended it. Members were supplied with biscuits and coffee. Rev. J. S. Williams presided over the meeting and Miss E. L. Joshua, the Organising Secretary of the N. M. S. spoke on Luke 17th Chapter 7–10 verses about the hired servants and bond servants. She gave a gist of the N.M.S. work at Uthra Pradesh, Jayapuram, Katteri and Jawathi Hills. Suggestions for improving the work were given as follows: United service once in three months, conventions, retreats and conferences under the auspices of the N.M.S. Coimbatore branch. After prayer, the election of the office-bearers and members to the committee took place. The following were elected

unanimously: Mr. M. J. Sargunam, President, Mr. Mangallam Vice-President, Mr. Rajarathnam, Treasurer, Mrs. G. Arulanandam, Secretary. Members: Mrs. Moses, Mrs. Williams and Mr. Kanagarathnam.

It was decided to elect a joint secretary and co-opt other members in the next meeting. The office-bearers of the previous committee were thanked for their effort shown. The meeting came to a close with prayer and benediction.

(Mrs.) G. Arulanandan,
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NEWS AND NOTES

Friends will be glad to know that the missionary work in the far away Butwol field has been strengthened by the addition of Mr. and Mrs. Pradhan, a Nepali couple who have joined the fellowship there. Mr. Pradhan has had theological training in the Allahabad Seminary and he could fluently preach the Gospel to his people as he is a Nepali and greatly interested in missionary work. Kindly remember the workers in your prayers.

Work in Pachparwa, another Nepal border in Gonda Dt. is faithfully carried on by Rev. K. B. Singh.

At Jawadi, the Samuels have been joined by Mr. and Mrs. Aruldas who are natives of Tirupattur. Mr. Aruldas has had theological training at the Madras Bible Seminary. It is expected that the work on the hills will make good progress.

In Puri, Mr. and Mrs. Sam John have spare no pains in making the Ashram buildings stronger and the compound neat. New sheds have been put up and old structures repaired so that visitors and workers could have comfortable accommodation and rest. This place has great possibilities of evangelistic expansion.

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At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, some changes in the staff and transfers were recommended to be implemented from the beginning of December, '59.

(1) It was felt that there was a great need for a paid General Secretary to carry on the work more vigorously. An experienced Christian leader from the North who is already connected with the N. M. S., has been invited to take up the post. His reply is awaited.

(2) Dr. A. C. Abraham, our Hon. Gen. Secty. may be going for theological training for about three months early next year and during the period, other arrangements will be made.

(3) Mr. S. Deva Prasad, Hon. Associate General Secretary will be the Treasurer while his present post will be kept vacant.

(4) Rev. S. Gnanasundaramani, our Puram Missionary will function as Office Secretary and be in charge of Youth work and also do deputation work. Miss E. L. Joshua, our Organising Secretary for S. India will be posted to Puram temporarily as missionary.

It is felt that all these changes will take place in the near future and hoped that they will be in the interest of the Society.

OUR PRESIDENT BISHOP SADIQ'S ADDRESS AT NASRAPUR

(Continued)

Some practical suggestions for consideration.

1. Contribution to peace and reconciliation :

I feel the Society should not be content with enlisting the prayer and financial support of sympathisers, but should enlist members who are committed to prayer and giving and to renunciation of war and promotion of peace and reconciliation.

This raises also the question of co-operation with the Fellowship of Reconciliation, which has a thoroughly Christian basis.

Those who cannot become members can become friends of the N. M. S. and need not commit themselves as full members will do.

This, I believe, will ensure more sustained support for the N. M. S. than the present method. There is, however, nothing to prevent the continuance of branches as exist to-day.

It is from among the committed members that the Society may find future full-time or part-time workers for the Society.

What has been said here about membership will hold true in connection with other practical actions suggested below.

2. Contribution to movement for Church Unity:

The Society runs camps and conferences. The Society has two magazines. In these Indian point of view is fairly well ensured. Why should these not be used for discussions and forums on Church Unity, and especially for regular and sustained intercessions for unity?

It means abandoning denominational affiliations. In one way it may weaken the work in certain areas, but in the long run it will better serve the cause the Society has in view. In any case, I do not see why a particular church or denomination should not do its missionary work through its own evangelistic committee or commission.

3. Missionary Task:

This is the task for which the Society exists. God has used it wonderfully, and yet we are conscious that much more can and should be done. The following are specific aspects which, I believe, should be the focus of our attention.

(a) Strengthening of the existing effort where the Church has not yet taken responsibility. I feel that the Society should not take over from any Church its (Church's) evangelistic task.

(b) A careful survey of unevangelised and untouched areas and entrace into them. The areas need not be within the border of India.

(c) Preparation of missionaries.

(d) Special approach to the intelligentia who are awake and hungry.

(e) Consultations, and publication of missionary literature.

(f) Camps, especially for young people, whom the call to missionary work may be presented.

4. Contribution to the process of Indigenisation:

With the freedom of an interdenominational organisation the Society has opportunities for experimenting with forms of worship, expressions of thought and methods of evangelism. For the first and second the Society's close contact with Christian Ashrams is essential. It should associate itself more closely with the annual Fellowship of Christian Ashrams. It would be helpful to hold some of its meetings in Ashrams.

A great many indigenous methods of evangelism are already being used, but very few people know about them. The Society might well publish a book on the subject. In this connection, occasional conferences of recent converts should be most helpful.

The Society should keep in touch with significant indigenous movements in the country such as the Dan Movement, Shanti Sena and Sarvodaya, and learn from them the methods of approach to people.

A centre where some of the things which have been mentioned can be studied and practised would be helpful. I venture to make the suggestion that possibilities be explored of securing the C. P. S. S. Ashram, Poona for this purpose. The Bishop of Bombay may be approached in this connection. The Ashram is ideal for the purpose.

I am afraid I have not said much about organisation or finances, but I feel that these are the scaffolding and not the building. Our vision must embrace the building first and the building must be on the solid foundations of Christian insight and whole-hearted commitment.

I hope that this meeting will not be pressed down by the routine of business, but will lift up its eyes to wider horizons where the Master can show us the larger purposes of the Society's existence.

REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE MUNNAR BRANCH COMMITTEE

By Messrs. C. V. Matthew and A. Sobanam on their Visit to the N. M. S. Fields in Puram and neighbouring villages.

In accordance with the decision taken at the Committee Meeting held on 29—4—1959, we visited the N. M. S. fields at Puram and neighbouring places in North Arcot District. We started from Munnar on the morning of Sunday the 13th September. Travelling by the Cochin Express we reached Jalarpet at 2-30 a. m. on Monday the 14th. At 6-00 a. m. Rev. R. Gnanadikam received us and took us to his residence at Katteri, a mile south of Jalarpet. There the Mission has an acre of land on which stand the Mission House, a Primary School and a Dispensary. After bath and breakfast, we visited the School. The teachers and pupils assembled in the School Hall and welcomed us. We had a short talk with them. It was indeed a pleasure to hear them singing sweetly and reciting Biblical verses nicely. Next we went to the Dispensary which is also used as a Maternity Ward in times of need. A paid Nurse cum Midwife is serving there. We felt the need for providing one or two cots for accommodating maternity cases. We have promised to meet the cost of one cot.

Taking leave of Katteri, we went to Christukula Ashram in Thirupathur, about 5 miles south of Katteri. There we were introduced to Dr. Raja Savarirayan, Brother Victor and a few others of Ashram. Hiring a Jutka, we journeyed to Puram, 4 miles west of the Ashram. Acccompanied by Rev. S. Gnanasundaramony, the Missionary in charge of Puram and Chandrapuram, we visited the Higher Elementary School at the latter place. It is only three quarters of a mile from Puram. The School there is a well managed one and several of the teachers reside in and around that village. There also we had to talk to the assembly of teachers and pupils and we explained the purpose of our visit. From the School we went straight to the Church at Puram. It is a simple but beautiful Church built in the Hindu style on the model of the Ashram house of worship.

It is said that its foundation stone was laid by the Late Bishop Abraham of the Mar Thoma Church. The dispensary at Puram reminded us of our relationship with it. It was in Puram that the late Miss Taylor worked as a pioneer Missionary for 28 years from 1923 to 1951. The long period of her missionary activities and noble work keeps her alive in the memory of the villagers. Miss J. Gnanasigamani, the nurse is doing splended work. We had our mid-day meals at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. Gnanasundaramoni, who is of great help to her husband in pastoral work.

We came back to Ashram at 3 p. m. We were taken round the various sections of the Ashram Hospital by Dr. Raja who is now in charge of the Hospital. We were able to get an idea of the humanitarian activities in the Ashram and the spiritual resources behind them. The Ashram is really a source of inspiration and encouragement to the workers in our fields. The inmates of the Ashram go about doing voluntary evangelistic work and rendering medical aid to the sick. The Ashram with its noble ideals and leaders like Dr. Jesudason and Dr. Paton makes the missionary work in the neighbouring places more easy, more effective and highly fruitful.

In the evening at 5 O'Clock we set out on our way to the Jawadi Hills. Going in the S. E. direction, we reached Alankayam, a large village, about 23 miles from the Ashram and situated at the foot of the hills. We had our night stay in the Panchayat Office. At 7 a. m. on the 15th, we went up the hills along rough roads, travelling in Lorries in the absence of buses. After journeying 21 miles we reached Kuttathur village, a station where the N. M. S. commenced work about 2 years ago. The evangelist Mr. P. R. Samuel and his wife are stationed there. They are staying in huts lent by the Forest Department. The biggest of the two huts was used formerly as a School building by the Department but now abandoned and left for the use of the N M. S. workers. Mrs. Samuel, a trained teacher is conducting classes for the children of Kuttathur and neighbouring villages. The class commences at 7-30 and closes at 12. There is no afternoon session but there is a night class which is attended by more grown-up children and adults. On the day of our visit 21 pupils were present, varying from 5 years to 15 years in age. We were surprised

at the proficiency with which those children were taught religious songs and Biblical verses. Most of them recited verses and two openly prayed. Milk powder is distributed to the pupils every day. Mr. P. R. Samuel aged 59 is a keen and earnest evangelist. He goes about visiting the villages all around, meeting the inhabitants individually and in groups and preaching the gospel to them. Brother Victor of the Ashram pays occasional visits when he renders medical aid to those in need. Medicines are stocked with the evangelist for emergent needs. After the mid-day meals supplied by Mr. & Mrs. P. R. Samuel we visited the village close by. It is a small village having only 11 houses. There are over 6 villages around this village, having a total of about 350 houses. The chief villages are Kalyanamanthai, Velicham Kalloor, Palamarathur, Thoppur, Valakaur and Vannan Kuttai. These places are situated about 2,000 to 2,500 ft. above sea level. Hence the climate is moderate. The poor rainfall makes life hard in this region. The inhabitants belong to the hill tribes, who can be compared to those of our Anchanad area, but definitely more backward. These people are formally under the care and protection of the Forest Department. Yet no opposition to evangelistic work has been shown. Kalyanamanthai has been chosen as the next station to commence work.

(to be continued)

RAMANATHAPURAM

(Madura—Ramnad Diocese—C. S. I.)

Miss E. L. Joshua, Organising Secretary of the N. M. S. for S. India and Mr. Stanley Meyappa of Madura paid a visit to Ramanathapuram on the 7th and 8th of Sept. '59. At 7 p. m., Miss Joshua addressed a well-attended meeting in Schwartz High School explaining the various fields of work of the N. M. S. and the necessity of supporting its work. There was a smaller meeting of Christian workers of the place in the house of Mr. Alfred Jacob, B. A., L. T., Headmaster, presided over by Rev. J. Vedamonickam, Council Chairman. It was unanimously resolved to start an N. M. S. Branch forthwith. The following Office-bearers were elected:

President : Rev. J. Thangiah, M. A., B. D., (Pastorate Chairman).

Vice-President : Mr. Alfred Jacob, B. A., L. T., (Headmaster).

Secretaries : Mr. D. Ebenkan, B. A., L. T., (Assistant, Schwartz High School).

Miss Nesaratnam Carunya, B. A., B. T., (Asst., St. Andrew's High School).

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Mrs. Job.
Mr. Piriavaram.

The meeting ended with Prayer and Benediction by Rev. J. Vedamonickam.

D. Ebenkan.
Secretary.

N. M. S. WEEK OF PRAYER IN NAINI TAL

In response to the CALL OF PRAYER for the National Missionary Society of India, the Naini Tal Branch of the N. M. S. observed the N. M. S. Prayer Week from October 4 to 11th 1959. A special programme was chalked out to observe Sunday 11th October as the Day of Prayer. It is heartening to note that all Christians, irrespective of denominations joined this programme. A combined Service was held in the Methodist Church, Naini Tal at 5 p. m. on 11th October. The service was a complete success. A special Worship Order was prepared for this Service which included special songs by children and choir, reading of Scripture Lessons by members of the Society, Special Prayer for the N.M.S. by the Rev. A. Abdul Haq, and a talk on the Growing Importance of N. M. S., by Dr. F. Maya Das. The Sermon on the occasion was given by Rev. R. J.

Messenger of the English Church, which was very inspiring. The collection in the Service which amounted to Rs. 31.50 was earmarked for the N. M. S. of India and had been sent to the Hony. Treasurer.

(R. Greenwold)
Hony. Secretary.
N. M. S. Naini Tal Branch.

A BRIEF REPORT ABOUT THE ANNUAL SALE AND WEEK OF PRAYER

Conducted by the N. M. S. Branch of Madurai

September 5th was a day of great expectations for the N. M. S. friends at Madurai because they had attempted to do great things for the Lord during the few previous weeks.

Miss E. L. Joshua arrived here on the 28th August and began her regular programme of work of conducting meetings both in the morning and in the evening. She addressed the congregation of two churches at the Sunday Services. She also addressed the students of the local institutions and the response given by them for the Sale was noteworthy. The Headmistress and staff of the Capron Hall Basic Training School where the sale was conducted gave their full co-operation to make the sale a success.

The Sale was opened by Mrs. L. Paul B. A., wife of the District Magistrate, at 10 a. m. There was a distinguished gathering of friends of the N. M. S. of Madurai at the time of the opening of the sale. At 9-30 a. m. there was a short service when Miss Joshua gave the N. M. S. message. The lucky-dip and games stalls attracted the children and students very much. Sales were brisk and the full day till 5 p. m. was a day of cheerful fellowship for the friends of the N. M. S. here.

Thank God, through the sales and through donations this year we have raised Rupees One thousand.

The Week of Prayer was observed by the friends of the N. M. S. here, with special prayers each day; a special feature being that 8th of October, was observed as a Chain of

Prayer day and the Vigil started at 6 p.m. There were 24 friends from the different institutions and congregations who contributed to the chain. On the 11th the Union Service was conducted at the local Lutheran Church when Miss Gnanadickam gave the message.

When we look back on what we have done we remember the words of our LORD—"So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which was our duty to do." *Luke 17 : 10*

NEWS FROM THE MID INDIA FIELD.

After the meeting of the Executive at Nasrapur, near Poona, I could visit Bombay where I spoke of the work in the new N. M. S. Fields on October 4 to the Tamil congregation of the Anglican Communion, and then I visited Kotma (Oct. 6-8). and Shahdol (8–12). Mrs. Sarojini Martin has gone South for treatment at Ambur and Vellore, and she needs our prayers for complete recovery. I could visit Christians at Kotma in their homes, and also call on the Manager of the Colliery Mr. Jha whom I had contacted last year at Nourozabad. The Compounder has promised to solicit from non-Christian employees donations for our Building Fund. Our new Evangelist Patros Tirkey is a keen worker, and Bahore Singh who retired from N. M. S. service and has settled down as a teacher co-operates with the Pastor in the local work.

At Shahdol, I could join on the 8th evening at the Bible Study hour at the Kerala Lodge, and on Friday, the 9th at the Fellowship Meeting on our N. M. S. site, one mile away from our rented premises. The missionaries are waiting on the Lord for His gracious help to shift our work to our own premises and thus save nearly Rs. 300/- p. m. or Rs. 3,500/- paid as rent for a year. A good property has been offered for sale within 100 yards of our rented Hospital, and if one of the supporting churches could give a loan, the missionaries are confident that they can repay during the first year Rs. 5,000/- and larger sums in the later years. We can house the hospital, and all the workers in the houses already built on the site, with some alternations and repairs.

We can take in 18 patients instead of 7 as at present, and we can erect a temporary shed as Chapel. This has become a subject of earnest prayer among the three missionaries at Shahdol and the other workers. They request N. M. S. friends all over to join them in prayer for the Lord's gracious action in this matter. The work will be greatly strengthened if the Hospital and workers are housed in our own property, and we can save the rent; and within a few years, the loan will be cleared, and a very valuable property in the heart of the town will become our own.

In our new Missionary Mr. C. B., Rao, the Lord has given us a thoroughly consecrated Sevak, who is already taking over much responsibility with devotion and ability. We have great reason to be thankful for the strong impact that all our workers are making. I could give an N. M. S. message at our *Christi Shanti Aradhanalaya* on the N.M.S. Sunday, when we had a crowded congregation with about 20 non-Christians present. All glory and honour be unto the Lord Who has redeemed us and called us to preach the Gospel of reconciliation.

J. D. A.

EXTRACTS FROM, DIOCESAN NEWS

Haluaghat, East Bengal.

It is a great pleasure to think that at last the money which Bishop Foss Westcott gave to the St. Andrew's Mission for a new church at Haluaghat has brought forth its fruit, and I was able to dedicate the new church in February at their "Burra Sabha" or General Meeting. Some of you may remember that originally a structure with a corrugated iron roof and a steel frame was bought with Bishop Westcott's money and despatched to Haluaghat exactly at the time when India was divided. It never arrived, and in the confusion of the first days of partition, it was never recovered. It was left with an incomplete frame and no money to buy the missing bits. There was only one thing to do, to sell the iron, and with the money to put up a wooden frame, using the corrugated iron, which was all there complete.

It is eighty feet long by thirty eight feet wide. The tin roof is at present unpainted.

The new church was not the only new thing at Haluaghat. The boys' school building has most of it been rebuilt, largely making use of the old materials. Of course, it is not a 'building' in the strict sense of the term. It is made of wood, corrugated iron and bamboo, with an earth floor. A small government grant, the efforts of the school boys themselves, who made money by ploughing up their playground and planting paddy, and a gift from Chittagong, all combined to make the rebuilding possible. And the result is good. The next new thing will be the extension of St. Mary's Girls' School on the other side of the compound.

MR. SAM JOHN OF PURI WRITES

"As some of our friends who wanted to visit Ishapanthy Ashram, Puri expressed difficulty in finding out the proper location of the Ashram, it is thought necessary to publish the following for the information of the intending visitors.

After coming to Jaganath temple from the Railway Station take Loknath Road, on which Gadadhar H. E School is situated, pass that school on the same road and after about 200 yards from that school there is a kutcha road on the left of Loknath road, where a sign post of this Ashram is fixed. While coming along this kutcha road, after passing through about three gardens on the left, one will find another sign post of the Ashram on the left giving the direction of the Ashram, where he should alight from the rickshaw or car and walk across two small gardens on sand and you will find the Ashram with the buildings and the Chapel."

OBITUARY

We regret to announce of the passing of Dr. Miss E. Chorley who worked as a Doctor in Madanapalle, Chittoor Dt., for more than thirty years. She was very helpful to the poor. She was religious in temperament and was greatly interested in Christian activities. She was a a regular supporter of the N. M. S. for a number of years. We send our condolence to the members of the bereaved family.

The sad news of the passing of Mr. C. J. Jacob, one of the sons of the late Bishop C. K. Jacob, and a brother of Mr. Korula Jacob of the National Christian Council, was received. His end was unexpected.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Korula's contribution to the annual Sale of the Ladies' Auxiliary was great.

We sen our sympathy and condolence to Mrs. Korula and the members of the family.

NEWS FROM MISS E. L. JOSHUA

Organising Secretary, N.M.S., S. India.

After my work for the Ladies' Auxiliary Sale at Madras, I left for Vellore to atend the North Tamil Area Committee meeting on the 15th of August. Important matters connected with the field were discussed and we decided to have the next Area Committee meeting in Coimbatore in the middle of November '59.

On Sunday morning I preached at the Bethel Church and the next day I went about visiting homes, both in the town and Medical College compound. In the evening, I spoke to the students of the Seminary, both men and women, at the invitation of Rev. Tychicus.

I must thank Mr. and Mrs. Samuel, Rev. and Mrs. Isacc and Rev. S. Ponnurangam for their kind hospitality and arranging my programme.

I was asked to address the Women's Conference at Sholinghur from 21st to 23rd August and the meetings were well attended by Catechists, teachers and Bible women. My thanks are due to Mrs. Kay and Mrs. Walpole for the arrangements made.

On the 27th of August I left for Madura in connection with the N. M. S. Sale organised by Madura friends, an account of which given by Mrs. Thomas Raj, the Secretary of the Branch appears elsewhere in this issue. Special meetings were arranged for the Members of the Madura—Pasumalai Branch and house to house visits were also paid

with the help of Messrs. Stanley Meyyappa, Germany and other friends. One morning was devoted for the visit to Rachanyapuram Higher Elementary School where Miss Jeyamani Taylor was an old girl. The pupils of the school are really evincing interest in the activities of the Society.

Mrs. Thomas Raj, the Secretary, Mr. Ratnasamy, the President, Dr. Miss G. Kennett and Mrs. Selvan Raj are to be specially thanked for the arrangements made for my stay.

Next I moved on to Ramnad accompanied by Mr. Meyappa, a report which is published elsewhere. A new Branch was organised here.

From Ramnad I preceeded to Dindigul, an account of which has already been published. Dr. and Mrs. Kurien have been faithfully carrying on the work here.

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MR. SAM JOHN OF ISHAPANTHI ASHRAM, PURI.

NEWS FROM JAWADI HILLS

God's work on the hills has been progressing through the fervent prayers of friends. An audlt by name Kali belonging to Kuttathoor is willing to take baptism but he is much afraid of others in the village, especially the Village Munsiff. We are eagerly waiting for the step to be taken by Kali and his family.

Even the village Munsiff, Mottayan told the people gathered that they should not worship idols made of wood and stone which cannot hear us. Those who had gathered there had agreed to this. Mottayan also added that his adult daughter would become a Christian very soon.

In the early mornings, some of the people sing our lyrics and the children offer prayer before they go to bed and also publicly declare that they would not worship Spirits. The children accompany us taking the Gramaphone Box so kindly supplied and help us in our singing.

This time we had unusual rains with the result that the crops were plentiful. We thank God for all the progress made in our work due to His blessings. Please remember us in your prayers.

MR. & MRS. SAMUEL.

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"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
Then said I, Here am I; send me.

To

All the readers of the N.M.I., and friends.

Dear Friends,

I am sure every one of you had a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year. All of us should be thankful to God for the wonderful way in which He has guided us in the past year, in spite of difficulties, sickness etc. As His children, we should depend upon Him always, especially in the New Year before us.

Regarding the changes in the personnel that have taken place in the N.M S., Office, Rev. S. Gnanasundaramani, our Missionary at Puram has taken charge of the N.M.S. Office as Office Secretary and he will deal with all correspondence. He will also contact the Churches in and around Madras. Mr. S. Deva Prasad will continue to be the Hon. Associate General Secretary for S. India.

A new Treasurer has been appointed in the person of Mr. S. W. Kanagaraj, B A., B.L., Advocate, Madras. He will take charge of the Treasurer's work in the course of this month. Friends are requested to send their remittances intended for the Society addressed to the Hon. Treasurer and *not by name.*

NOTE.—When articles in the NATIONAL MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER are an expression of the policy or view of the Society as represented by its All India Council or Executive Committee, this fact will be made clear. In all other instances the writer of the paper is responsible for the opinion expressed. The Editorial notes, if any, present the opinion of the Editor alone.—S. D.

Due to Christmas holidays the remittances received could not be acknowledged promptly. Now that the office is opened, receipts have been despatched.

We are thankful to one and all for the large and small ccntributions sent by individuals and institutions and for your prayers.

Miss E. L. Joshua, our Organising Secretary for S. India has taken charge of the Puram work for a short period in the place of Rev. S. Gnanasundaramani, and we are sure the work among women in Puram will greatly progress.

The work at Katteri has been strengthened by the addition of a young and zealous Evangelist Mr. S. A. Immanuel who is now posted to Thimmampet, about 20 miles from Katteri and he will be of great help to our Missionary, Rev. R. Gnanadikam.

At Jawadi, our Evangelists Mr. and Mrs. Samuel and Mr. Aruldas are carrying on silent but effective work. Your prayers are asked for these who are placed under difficult circumstances.

The N. M. S. offers its felicitations to the three newly consecrated Bishops of the Church of S. India — The Rt. Rev. George Devadoss, Bishop in Madura—Ramnad, the Rt. Rev. Joseph Samuel, Bishop in Coimbatore and the Rt. Rev. I. R. H. Gnanadason, Bishop in Kanya Kumari Diocese. Each of them has been intimately connected with the work of the Society.

The Bishop in Coimbatore was a member of the Executive Committee for some years and the Bishop in Kanya Kumari Diocese was the enthusiastic Secretary of the South Tamil Area Committee and had taken part in the Gospel Teams arranged by the N.M.S. The Bishop in Madura —Ramnad was taking much interest in the Society.

We are sure that the N. M. S. will have a great support in their respective Dioceses.

It is very unfortunate that a senior Christian leader who was requested to take up the General Secretaryship of the

Society could not do so for official reasons ; and our present Hon. General Secretary the Rev, Dr. A. C. Abraham continues to urge the Society to find a younger person to take over.

By the addition of a Missionary couple Mr. & Mrs. Prem Dayal Pradhan, the work at Butwal, Nepal has been strengthened. The happy Fellowship at Butwal needs your prayers.

May I remind you about your annual subscription of Re. 1/- each for the N. M. I. and Deepikai. Some friends have sent in their subscriptions for which we are thankful but many have not yet.

We will be glad to get some articles from friends about missionary work in India and suggestions regarding the future of the N. M. S., for publication. We specially draw your attention to the recommendations of the Nasrapur Committee and the Presidential address of Bishop Sadiq. We earnestly pray for God's blessings on all Missionary activities. Wishing you all a blessed New Year throughout this land and its neighbourhood.

EDITOR.

Moral and Spiritual Chaos

Dr. Anjilvel V. Matthew, Bangalore

(Contd.)

5. From the least even unto the greatest

There are many warnings and denunciations in the two chapters (Chs. 5 and 6) we have been dealing with as well as in Chapters 2-4. But we have been centring our attention not so much on these predicted calamities as on the general deterioration in national character which made these calamities inevitable. The breakdown in moral values was general, as we saw in the first study. The same idea is stressed in the passage, which gives three instances of this moral and spiritual chaos.

For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them
every one is given to covetousness :
and from the prophet even unto the priest
every one dealeth falsely.
They have healed also the hurt of my people slightly
saying, Peace, peace, where there is no peace
Were they ashamed
when they had committed abomination ?
nay, they were not at all ashamed,
neither could they blush :
therefore they shall fall among them that fall ;
at the time that I visit them
they shall be cast down, saith Jehovah.

Jer. 6 : 13–16.

(1) Everyone was greedy for gain (2) They said to each other that there was not anything much to be worried about in the matter of their social conduct. "Peace, peace," they said when there was no peace. (3) They had lost that sensitiveness of the spirit which makes people ashamed when they find themselves in the wrong.

Lord, from all hardness of the heart save us. May we not call evil, good ; and good, evil ; and thus grieve Thy Holy Spirit. Amen.

6. "We Will not"

Jeremiah was grieved with the stubbornness of his people. They could have reflected on their *past history*. But they said "We will not." They had prophets in their *own days*, watchmen who blew the trumpet to warn them of the evil to come. But to them also the people said, "We will not listen."

Thus saith Jehovah, Stand ye in the ways and see,
and ask for the old paths, where is the good way ;
and walk therein, and ye shall find
rest for your souls.
But they said,
We will not walk therein.
And I set watchmen over you, saying,
Hearken to the sound of the trumpet ;
But they said,
We will not hearken. Jer 6 : 16–17.

They thought that it was all well with them as they offered gifts to God of things they brought from Sheba and other distant lands. God tells them however through the mouth of His prophet that it is not sacrifices and offerings He wants so much as obedience to His law. "To obey is better than sacrifice" (See. 1 Sam. 15 : 22). The people refused to obey and followed their own thoughts. But what thoughts were they? They were ruinous thoughts, thoughts which would lead them to their own utter ruin. The evil that was to come on them from outside was the result of their faulty thought—life, of their evil choices their unjust decisions and Godless judgements.

Hear O earth : behold, I will bring evil upon this people
even the fruit of their thoughts,
because they have not hearkened unto my words;
and as for my law, they have rejected it.
To what purpose cometh there to me
frankincense from Sheba,
and the sweet cane
from a far country?
Your burnt-offerings are not acceptable,
nor your sacrifice pleasing unto me.

Therefore thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will lay
stumbling-blocks before this people :
and the fathers and the sons together
shall stumble against them ;
and neighbour and his friend shall perish.
Jer. 6 : 19–21.

It was not one or two who had gone wrong—they all erred from the ways of God. Fathers and sons, neighbours and friends — all followed the devices of their own hearts and invited destruction upon themselves.

Purify our hearts, O Lord, by the word of Thy mouth so that we may worship Thee not with our lips but in spirit and in truth. Amen.

REPORTS FROM OUR PACHPERWA AND NEPAL FIELDS

I give below extracts from letters received from Rev. K. B. Singh, Pachperwa and Mr. Prem Pradhan from Butwal–Nepal.

Pachperwa—Mr. K. B. Singh writes :—

"I am glad there is growing concern among the Churches about this tribe called "Tharoes." They live in their villages in the jungle at the foot of the mountain. There is great opportunity of working among them from Pachperwa from where we have to go on cycles 7 to 14 miles to reach their different villages. In early November, Mr. A. V. Singh, our Organizing Secretary, came here and we visited one of the villages of the Tharoes at a distance of 7 miles from here. Chandanpur and Imaliya—two important villages of the Tharoes—are beautiful places and were once big mission centres. The C. I. G. Mission people are also working among the Tharoes from Pachperwa and we are working in co-operation with them. The Tharoes are friendly people and listen to the Gospel Message gladly. We work in Melas and Bazaars also. So far, we have been able to sell about 240 Gospel portions and distribute more than 500 Christian tracts. Besides visiting these Tharoe Villages in the day, we sometimes camp in one of them for several days. One night, as I was talking to a Forest Ranger, I presented to him Christ and His Gospel and persuaded him to accept Him as his personal Saviour. He became very friendly and gave us a tea party. We gave him copies of the New Testament in English and Hindi. We thank the Lord for him. We request all our friends to pray for us and specially for this inquirer that the Holy Spirit may lead him to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour.'

Butwal Nepal. Mr. Prem Pradhan writes :—

"The Lord has helped us in a wonderful way. You will be glad to know that we have opened a small school here. First, we started with one pupil who lives next to our house and this one told others of the benefit received through our teaching. So these pupils asked their parents to permit them to join our School. The parents have requested us to teach their children. In this way we have now six pupils with one girl in Class V. They come regularly to school and so we are able to form good contacts with their families, and send into their homes Christian tracts and Gospel portions—silent messengers of Christ. We have also started a small library, and interested persons come to read books and take them to their homes. We have very few books at present. We pray that the Lord may provide more good Christian books and magazines.

Last month I went to Tansen Hospital where I had the opportunity to preach at two meetings and made several personal contacts. Some have already accepted the Lord Jesus and are ready to be baptized, but there is none to baptize them because the Missionaries are not allowed to preach the Gospel and baptize any one. Only we, nationals or independent workers can do it. So please pray for us. If the Lord opens a way, we will carry on this work faithfully —that our Lord may be glorified in Nepal. There is very good opportunity to contact people through Hospitals.

We have a very good Fellowship here in Butwal and are happy together in His love and service."

By reading these two short reports you will realize that the harvest is plenteous but the labourers are few. Therefore pray on to the Lord of the harvest for more labourers ! !

A. V. SINGH.

KATTERI FIELD NEWS

At Yettikuppam, Munusamy and his wife were receiving Christian teaching for nearly a year. He was regularly attending the Christukula Ashram Sunday worship, coming from a distance of 12 miles. He is fully convinced that there is no other name but Jesus Christ to save him from sin. On 13—9—1959, he with his wife and 2 children entered the Christian fold through baptism. Being one of the leaders of the locality and having enough lands for his maintenance, people have a great respect for his words. He is now doing his best to win souls for Christ.

Five miles to the South of Tirupattur, there is the village Nynampatty where we have our recent convert by name Devadoss. He is actively engaged in leading his people to the feet of Christ. Elia, our voluntary worker, has his relatives here and he visits these people periodically. Here we have arranged weekly meetings with the help of a Christian teacher employed in the Dt. Board Ele. School at Kunsi. There is a youth by name Raj who testifies to the power of Jesus Christ. Two months ago, he was losing his eye sight and suffering from pain in the eyes. He became very desperate and at that time he heard that Jesus

Christ could help him in every way. Then and there, he believed in Jesus Christ and prayed to Him for help. His prayer was answered instantaneously. Ever since, he was pleading with his family members to accept Christ as their Lord. With the consent of his mother (his father is no more) he received baptism On 13—9—'59. Now he finds a great joy in reading aloud a passage from the Tamil New Testament to his village folks during his leisure hours. It is his ambition to become a preacher of the Word of God.

R. GNANADIKAM.

OUR MID - INDIA FIELD

The Rev. Raymand Martin has been granted 3 months leave from the 26th of December, which accumulated leave, he awailed himself with a view to be with his wife who is now undergoing treatment at Vellore. In December, she undervent a small operation, which revealed the need to remove a tumour by a major operation. She was admitted as Dr. (Miss) Mariam Manuel's patient again on January 9th. N. M. S. friends are requested to uphold Mrs. Sarojini Martin, about whose ill health friends were informed in the December N. M. I. Mrs. Martin has been much loved by those among whom she has worked in and around Kotma since February 1955.

Prof. Chandra Basu Rao, our new evnangelistic missionary, has been helping as Business Manager of our N. M. S. Hospital at Shahdol. Since he took charge of the Hospital, the deficit of Rs. 2,403 accumulated during its first two years of work (October 1957 September 1959) has been reduced to Rs. 1077. Further, on the initation of President E. Raman of the supporting Church in Madhya Pradesh, he toured in the main centres of that rather small Church and collected Rs. 702 as contributions for the Shahdol Hospital Building Fund.

Dr. (Mrs.) Ramabai Rao reports that though some difficulties were experienced in September the hospital continues to attract medical and surgical cases, and she was once invited by the C. M. O. of the Govt. District Headquarters Hospital to do a difficult operation in the well equipped surgical theatre of the Govt. Hospital. One of the

doctors of the Govt. Hospital has helped as anaethetist at our N. M. S. Hospital whenever his services were needed. We are thankful for this good cooperation between the Govt. and our N. M. S. Hospital. She also reports good income, the November income being the highest since October 1957.

With larger contributions from the supporting Churches, a great advance lies ahead of the Society with the very fine team of workers the Lord has given us for His Ministry in this large N. M. S. field in Mid-India.

On December, 28th–30th, a Conference for the Madurai District of the Church was organised by its Chairman, the Rev. Paul Knuthsson, at which the theme was 'Ye shall be my witnesses' and Rao Sahib P. S. Kadambavanam and the Rev. J. D. Asirvadam were the main speakers. Miss. E. Nordmark presided at the N. M. S. Sale.

J. D. A.

N. M. S. PRAYER COMMITTEE, BAPATLA

The N. M. S. Prayer day was observed on Sunday the 22nd of November 1959. Mr. K. Padma Rao and Mr. K. Paul were the speakers for the occasion. How our Saviour commissioned the apostles to go forth with the Gospel was preached. This was an opportunity to every believer to confess our Lord openly before men and to bring men to the point of confession. It was a large gathering, and there was a collection of Rs. 20–52 nPs. on that particular day. Concluding prayers were offered by Sri J. S. David and Smt. B. Marthamma.

Soon after prayer the committee sat for the election of new office bearers and admitting new members for the year 1960. It was resolved that the Prayer Committee should meet in Zion Church at 6 p.m. on First Sunday of every month. The following are the officers and new members for the year 1960.

President :— SRI G. DAVID RATNAM

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(7) ,, CH. SAMSON
(8) ,, G. BENJAMIN

K. PAUL,
Secretary.
N. M. S. Branch.

CO-OPERATIVE EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN IN TIRUPATTUR TALUK

On the 17th of December '59 the Missouri Lutheran pastors and missionaries, Christu Kula Ashram Sevaks and N. M. S. missionaries met together at the Christu Kula Ashram to discuss ways and means of spreading the gospel of Christ effectively in Tirupattur taluk. As a result of it, we decided to have joint evangelistic camps for 3 days every month from the beginning of 1960.

On Friday the 8th January 1960 a group of sixteen members arrived at Natrampalli village. Rev Manns kindly made all the necessary arrangements for the camp. Although all could not continue to stay till Sunday night, we had a very useful programme. The opening and the closing meetings were led by Rev. Manns. On Friday night we divided ourselves into two batches. Rev. Englebrecht led one to Jagiri village where he showed film strips. His loud speaker set attracted large crowds and Rev. Samraj spoke very clearly as to how Christ delivers people from their sins even today. The other batch showed film strips at Natrampalli. Gospel portions were sold in these two villages. The enquirers with whom we were already in contact were led

nearer to our Lord Jesus. We tried our best to help one High School boy having honest doubts regarding the Christian faith. On Sunday, soon after morning divine worship, Jagiri village was visited once again. Rev. R. Devadoss gave a powerful message. Here, Natesan and his family, Venkatesan and his family and Munusamy who is a powerful witness amongst his people are getting ready for baptism. So, we have planned to visit them periodically to give them Christian teaching. They are related to our convert, Devasahayam of Pullur. It was through him they were brought to Christ. Devasahayam was with us all the three days and introduced his relatives to us.

On Saturday morning, with the aid of one flannelgraph we preached the gospel in Natrampalli shandy and Katteri village. Here Mr. Yellappan Yesudass explained the story of Zachaeus with all earnestness, himself being a convert. Vijayan and David Dhasaradan, the recent converts at Natrampalli are quite strong in their faith. Kesavan (from the Gounder caste) who studied up to VIth form was drawn towards Christ. He needs our prayers to confess Christ openly. Mr. and Mrs. George, teachers in District Board service, were in charge of mess arrangements and worked hard to make our stay quite comfortable.

The secret believers Kuppusamy of Motur and Sivalingam of Lalapet took active part in our programme. Mr. Gnanaprakasam and Mr. Immanuel were of great help to us in group singing. On Saturday night, Thopur village was visited and the people there responded to the Gospel message. So, we intend to do follow-up work in this village.

Now is the opportune moment for Christians in India, especially in South India to pass on the Gospel to our non-Christian brethren.

R. GNANADIKAM

N. M. S. DAY CELEBRATIONS IN BOMBAY

The N. M. S. Kannada Branch of Bombay made an earnest effort to celebrate the N. M. S. Week in the different parts of the city and in suburbs. A detailed programme was arranged for the conduct of the meetings in the various centres, and the objects and work of the Society were clearly brought out at the meetings.

Meetings were held in nine areas, prayers offered and collections made. In Bombay city, the Kannada Badawa Sangam, the Kanarese Protestant Association, Dorcas Society, Basel Mission and other organizations took part in the celebrations. The Christian friends of Bombay, wherever meetings were held, very enthusiastically responded to the Call of Prayer. The Sunday School children also were given the Gospel message.

We are grateful to God who enabled us to do our part in spreading the message of the Gospel in the city of Bombay.

NEWS FROM BUTWAL, NEPAL.

The small fellowship at Butwal consisting of Messrs. Mathai and Eapen is joined by Mr. and Mrs. Premdayal Pradhan, a Nepali couple. It is felt that God has answered our prayers in strengthening the fellowship. The Pradhans are from Darjeeling Dt. and they had two years Bible training in the Allahabad Bible Seminary. During their stay at Allahabad they had opportunities of contacting Rev. Paul Das, Miss M. M. Singh and Mr. A. V. Singh which prompted them to join the N. M. S. work in Nepal.

Mr. Pradhan was in the Indian Army Service for some years and resigned it after accepting the Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour in order to do full time Christian work. He shares his new found joy with many of his military friends who pass through Butwal.

Now at Butwal there is a home where the two young men and Mr. and Mrs. Pradhan and the two children live together as a happy family. The children are a joy to the members of the fellowship.

We are sure that with the addition of this family the great task of preaching the Gospel will go forward and the two young men also will have the joy of living in a blessed Christian home. Let us remember this small family in our prayers.

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A Review of the work of the Society by one of its leading friends Mr. N. K. Bose, President, N.M.S. Committee, Calcutta.

THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

1. ITS BIRTH

Some 60 years ago, considerable thought was given to the question as to the means to be adopted in order to spread the Christian message to the non-Christian world as it existed at that time. At a conference of representatives of the Christian world, held in China, it was estimated that some thousands of additional missionaries would be needed in Asia alone to work in unoccupied fields. A large number of additional missionaries would be needed for India.

At this time the Indian church depended entirely on foreign countries to supply the missionary personnel and the finance necessary for it. The missionary urge was all but absent from the Indian church. One of the most essential characteristics of a living church, namely, the urge to be concerned in the spiritual welfare of people of a different province and language, along the pattern of the Christian way of life, inspired by a living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, was generally absent from the Indian church.

In the political field, there was taking place an unrest, which was a prelude to the birth and growth of nationalism. For a movement to take shape, the existence of leaders is necessary, who in turn interpret it to the masses or the common man. It began in Bengal and soon spread to Bombay, Madras and other parts of India and a demand was made for greater political power to be vested in the children of the soil, who would best know their national needs and would potentially be best able to solve their national problems.

In the Christian field, there were at that time several Christian leaders, two of whom V. S. Azariah, and K. T. Paul, were prominent in leading the van of the Missionary Movement in the Church in India. They were amongst the first, so far as recorded history goes, who conceived the idea of an Indian Missionary Society, inter-denominational in character, all-India in its jurisdiction and ecumenical in its vision. With them was associated an American Y.M.C.A. Secretary, G. S. Eddy.

V. S. Azariah had gathered inspiration from the Missionary zeal of the Christian church at Jaffna in Ceylon, and had already founded the Indian Missionary Society at Tinnevelly ; but as it was connected only with the Anglican church and was limited in its jurisdiction, he pursued the ideal of a Missionary Society which had a broader basis and worked whole-heartedly for the formation of the all-India Missionary Society, which came to be known as the National Missionary Society and was its first General Secretary.

The recommendation of the China Conference, referred to earlier, for the need of additional missionaries for India from the West on the one hand, and the call of nationalism sounded by the political leaders of the country on the other, produced in the minds of these young Indian Christian leaders, the conviction that the ultimate interests of India would be best served, so far as the Christian community was concerned, by its implementing the urge of nationalism by devoting itself to the task of evangelism by accepting a share of responsibility hitherto carried by Foreign Missionary Societies.

The first step taken by the sponsors of the National Missionary Movement was to communicate the proposal to Christian leaders all over the country, national and foreign. It was met with general approval. The next step was to call a meeting of national leaders. These assembled at Serampore during the last week of December 1905, and after much consideration and prayer, the National Missionary Society was constituted on Christmas Day 1905. Those present on this occasion have been called 'Founders' and their names are 1. K. T. Paul, Madras, 2. L. T. ah Sou, Rangoon, 3. N. C. Mukerji, Allahabad, 4. Rev. J M. Gulam Masih, Manipuri, 5. G. S. Eddy, Madras, 6. Rev. S. V. Karmarkar, Bombay ; 7. V. S. Azariah, Madras 8. S. N. Mukerji, Lahore, 9. E. A. de Alwis, Kandy, Ceylon 10. J. W. N. Hensman, Calcutta, 11. J. R. Chitambar, Lucknow, 12. Rev. B. C. Sircar, Calcutta 13. J. R. Banerji, Calcutta and 14. Ah Pon, Rangoon.

Who can doubt that the Society was founded by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and that the hand of God was at work? Witness the presence amongst the signatories of Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian.

All but two of these Founders have gone to their rest. Prof. N. C. Mukerji and Dr. G. S. Eddy are the only surviving ones.

The National Missionary Society, founded as it was by general agreement of our trusted leaders of half a century ago, representing India, Burma and Ceylon and the principal Church affiliations, has come to us as a sacred trust, which we must accept, until the principles on which it is based prove to be outmoded or erroneous.

2. EARLY GROWTH

In continuing the story of the N.M.S., the writer would explain the reason for his writing these articles which is none other than an earnest desire to bring before the Christian public the claim of the Society on its co-operation and loyalty. He would therfore warn the reader that he must not regard these writings as statements which are meticulously accurate in relation to the facts and trends mentioned. He would, however, assure him that they are substantially correct. It is not a history he is writing, but he is seeking to appeal to the mind and heart of his national brethren and other brethren in Christ as to the aims and objects of this Society and its relevance and place in the evangelistic task of the present day.

With these remarks, he would proceed with the story.

At the historic meeting held at Serampore at which, on Christmas day of 1905, the Society was constituted. A committee was appointed, whose officers consisted of Raja Sir Harnam Singh as President; Mr. Kalicharan Banerji, Dr. S. Sathianadhan, Rev. K. C. Chatterji and Rev. S. V. Karmakar as Vice-Presidents; Mr. V. S. Azariah as General Secretary and Mr. K. T. Paul as Treasurer Every one of these persons was regarded as a top-leader in the Christian Community in his province.

With the association of persons of such eminence with the new Missionary movement, together with the zeal of their followers and admirers, the work of the Society began with great promise. The writer remembers sitting in a small church in Dehra Dun and listening to the late Rev. B. B.

Roy, a teacher at the Saharanpur Theological Seminary as he talked about the newly constituted N.M.S. and its field in Nukkar in the Saharanpur district. His imagination was fired, not so much by the eloquence of the preacher as by the subject–matter of his address. The inspiration received over half a century ago has not dimmed but has grown from year to year. It was a strange emotion at first, not related so much to evangelism as to a recognition that the task, which was a laudable one, was peculiarly ours and redounded to national prestige and glory. Will he be wrong in presuming that there must have been many others who gave their support, moral and otherwise, actuated by similar secondary motives? But the novelty of the movement and its national and indigneous character, sponsored by persons, who were held in high esteem, won for the Society a place in the affection and loyalty of the people. The funds contributed by the Community increased rapidly from year to year, making it possible for the Society to open up its fields and appoint workers.

Within three years of the founding of the Society, fields were opened in the Punjab, in the Montgomery district, with headquarters at Fazlabad; in the United Provinces at Nukkar in the Saharanpur district and at Omalur in the Salem district of South India. The pattern of work followed was the usual one namely, educational, medical and evangelistic. The manning of these fields was effected by persons who gave up posts and security elsewhere to become missionaries under the Society on moderate or insignificant emoluments. Work was also started in the Ahmednagar district.

It is not the purpose of this article to give an appreciation of the quality and calibre of these first volunteers, who have been succeeded by others of like devotion and evangelistic zeal. In passing, it may be mentioned that the Society has had in association with it, both as missionaries and lay men and women, persons of exemplary loyalty, faithfulness, and selflessness.

One of the aims of the Society has been to gather up into one All-India organism, the missionary effort of all individuals and churches, irrespective of denominational loyalty and amongst the individual supporters of the Society

are included members of all the Protestant churches. What is true of individuals is also true of churches themselves in an increasing measure.

As early as 1908, the Mar-Thoma Syrian church offered to affiliate some of its missionary work with the Society on a field to be selected by the Society and established work at Kumta and Honavar in North Kanara. The Lutheran church became interested in the N.M.S. as early as 1908 and after a few years decided to undertake evangelistic work in association with the Society. Both these churches have much to show as to the extent of the work which, then started, has grown in size, importance and influence. The latter church has done pioneering work in the Rewa and Surguja States.

In these early days, the inflow of funds kept pace with demands of the expanding work of the Society. Able and dedicated General and Travelling Secretaries, through publicity and direct approach, helped to maintain the interest of the Christian community and the material wherewithal necessary for the work came in from year to year.

III. LATER DEVELOPMENTS

Reference has been made to the aim of the Society to gather up into one co-ordinated organism, on an All-India basis, the missionary urge and effort of all individuals and churches and in pursuance of that aim, the willing co-operation of the Mar-Thoma and Lutheran Churches had been secured in the very early years of the Society; but it remains to be mentioned that the Anglican Church, now the Church of South India, also opened up a field at Parkal, in Hyderabad, in association with the Society.

Progressively, centres of a different *pattern* and with a different *administrative* set up, entered into an *affiliation* with the Society. Groups of dedicated men had started ashrams in different parts of India and several of them joined the N.M.S. as affiliated bodies, retaining to themselves autonomy in finance and general administration but subjecting their policies to the formal approval of the Society, if necessary. Leading amongst the Ashrams was the Christukula Ashram at Tirrupatur, North Arcot, associated with the names of Drs. Jesudasan and Forrester Paton. The other

ashrams were the Christava Ashram, Manganam, in Travancore, Christa Prema Seva Sangh in Poona, Christa Panthi Ashram, Banaras and Christa Mitra Ashram at Ankola. Besides these Ashrams, St. Andrew's Mission at Haluaghat, Mymensingh District in East Bengal (now Pakistan), where a fairly extensive work was being carried on under indigenous initiative and direction, came into the Society by voluntary affiliation and within recent years the field at Nirmal in Hyderabad belonging to the Methodist Church, (now C.S.I), also joined the Society.

Roughly, during the period between the two world wars, considerable progress was made in achieving the ideal of gathering up and co-ordinating the evangelistic projects of indigenously operated centres and in lessening, if not obliterating, denominational tensions in the practical work of evangelisation. But, towards the end of this period, a marked deterioration of interest among the supporters of the Society's work took place, so much so that the workers under the direct control of the Society, for a period, were not paid regularly and in full. The income fell and a debt amounting to Rs. 40,000/- accumulated and for 10 years has been a tremendous handicap. Due, however, to careful spending, and wise budgeting assisted by a financial drive, the sacrificial services of the General and Associate General Secretaries and the munificence of some large donors, this debt has just been cleared.

The Society's work in the Punjab, centred at Fazlabad, Okara and Bethlehem in the Montgomery district, which had occupied the labours of earnest evangelists, and medical men and women, and where considerable progress had been made in rural uplift and training in democracy and social service was made over to the diocese of Lahore following Partition. Several other centres such as Nukkar in the U.P. and Nautanwa on the Nepal border had to be closed down for other reasons in favour of reinforcing work in other more promising fields.

Perhaps the largest and the most important field which the Society adminsters under its direct control is centred at Puram, where the late Miss Jeyamani Taylor did such useful pioneering work. This village is not far from the Tirapattur Ashram. There is a church built in the Dravidian style, a

child welfare centre and a higher elementary school at Chandrapuram. The evangelistic work has borne some fruit. The Society is however desirous of making this field over to the diocese of Coimbatore and of opening a field elsewhere on virgin soil.

The fields recently opened are at Butwal in Nepal, at Jawadi Hills in North Arcot District, at Pachperwa in the Bahraich District of the U.P. and at Puri in Orissa.

After a somewhat prolonged period of difficulty, a new era opened following the Golden Jubilee Celebrations in 1955 and considerable progress has since been made. Further forward strides are being contemplated.

To revive zeal in the churches for evangelism, Gospel Teams are organised to visit different parts of India. Two years ago, one such team visited Delhi and some centres in the U.P. Another team visited Calcutta in 1958.

To place the challenge before youth and students, the Society organises Rural Service Camps, where evangelism in practice is demonstrated under the leadership of Senior missionaries of the Society.

Within recent times, doubt has been entertained in certain quarters as to the relevance or need of the National Missionary Society. Integration of Church and Mission has become the order of the day and the evangelistic educational and medical work hitherto carried on by missions, has become the responsibility of the church. These centres of work are far larger than anything that the N.M.S. has to show and so it has been suggested that the N.M.S. is no longer needed. Churches have begun to send missionaries to foreign countries, ventures that the N.M.S. cannot undertake simply on account of the finance involved.

In answer to such doubts, the National Missionary Society claims that it is an entirely Indigenous body with Indian initiative and Indian personnel and its finance has come principally from nationals. It has evolved indigenous forms of worship. It has carried out its witness through these 54 years of its existence and by God's grace has tided-over difficult times and has cleared a huge debt of over

Rs. 40,000/- and has undertaken additional commitments of at least Rs. 5,000/-, this very year, 1959. It has brought the denominations together in the supreme task of evangelisation. It has steadily reminded the Church of its primary task of evangelism. It enjoys freedom from denominational control in choosing its new fields, and it continues to challenge men and women to work in the Lord's Vineyard on the basis of self-sacrifice. It has invited churches to use the society as their missionary arm.

True, the Society has nothing to show in the shape of large institutions or buildings, but its main task being evangelism, it might have had a considerably greater record of its ramifications throughout the country and even in the neighbouring States had more nationals heeded its call and accepted its challenge. Direct service is not possible for all but their prayerful moral support and sacrificial giving can provide the Society with the means of enlisting a larger band of missionaries and evangelists, who will carry the gospel to people in this country and elsewhere who have not heard it.

The office of the society is situated at Peter's Road, Royapettah, Madras and I have no doubt will be able to reply to enquiries.

N. K. BOSE,
President.
N. M. S. Committee
CALCUTTA

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Momentous Days

Momentous days are on us! Our eyes may soon behold
A mighty clash of nations—which prophets have foretold:
A clashing and a cleaving of unmatched magnitude,—
Wrought by some super-being with evil power endued.

Momentous! yes, momentous! But shall we be afraid?
The mighty conflict cometh,—yet may our hearts be stayed!
The Lord from Glory cometh—His Coming draweth nigh;
Earth's most colossal conflict we'll see,—yet from on high.

The days of tribulation are truly near at hand:
'Perplexity of nations' e'en now invades each land:
Yet, not for woes and terrors, and earth's on rushing night
Look we for, but the Morning of cloudless glory bright.

—J. DANSON SMITH

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"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
Then said I, Here am I; send me.

TOPICS FOR PRAYER

Let us thank God:

For the great interest shown by the Madras Area Committee and its attempts to contact friends in the city and do some evangelistic work;

For the successful operation underwent by Mrs. Sarojini Martin at Vellore and that she may be strengthened during her convalescence.

For the gifts of eye instruments by Dr. V. Rambo and the Secretary of the Disciples Mission and for Ramabai Rao attending the Christian Medical Association meeting at Allahabad in February.

Let us pray:

That God may bless the efforts of the Ladies' Auxiliary in Allahabad and in Madras to raise funds for missionary work in Pachperwa and Puram.

That the Rural Christian Service Fellowship Camp which is proposed to be held at Tirukalikundram, a Hindu pilgrim centre near Madras may be largely attended by students and greatly blessed.

NOTE.—When articles in the NATIONAL MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCER are an expression of the policy or view of the Society as represented by its All India Council or Executive Committee, this fact will be made clear. In all other instances the writer of the paper is responsible for the opinion expressed. The Editorial notes, if any, present the opinion of the Editor alone.—S. D.

That the work among women in Puram through the efforts of our missionary Miss E. L. Joshua may be blessed.

For the deputation work and Retreat arranged for by the North Tamil Area Committee early in April.

For strength to the Rev. R. Gnanadikam for shouldering additional responsibilities.

For Mr. Thondaiman the new Evangelist under training.

For Mr. M. M. Mathai, Evangelist, Butwal, Nepal who is ill in the hospital.

Moral and Spiritual Chaos

Dr. Anjilvel V. Matthew, Bangalore

(Contd.)

7. The lone voice of the prophet

The prophecies in Chs. 2–6 (Ch. 1 is Introductory) were delivered—most of them in poetic form—in the early years of Jeremiah's ministry. Jeremiah was sure that he was delivering God's message, but he was almost equally sure that the message was not serving any practical purpose.

I have made thee a trier
and a fortress among my people;
that thou mayest know
and try their way.
They are all grievous revolters,
going about with slanders;
they are brass and iron:
they all of them deal corruptly.
The bellows blow fiercely;
the lead is consumed of the fire:
in vain do they go on refining;
for the wicked are not plucked away.
Refuse silver shall men call them,
because Jehovah hath rejected them.

Jer. 6 : 27–30.

The prophet's task was most unpleasant. It was a thankless job. But God made it clear to Jeremiah that He called him to it. It may be that no tangible result would come out of his ministry if by result was meant any change for the better in the way of life of the people. Nevertheless, God wanted His servant to do this hard work. He wanted him to be a touchstone, a tester. In Gujerat, there is a surname called *ratnaparki* (a jewel-tester). Here Jeremiah is called to be a jewel-tester. The prophet's grief—from the beginning of his ministry to the end—was that though he always did the work of the tester, no precious stone or metal turned out from the fire.

Lord, we thank Thee for the courage and faithfulness and for the high sense of God that Thy servant Jeremiah manifested in his long and difficult life. Make us worthy of the example of Jeremiah and all Thy great servants, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

The supreme councils of the two Churches in India met in January 1960—the General Council of the Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon at Calcutta from the 7th to 14th and the Synod of the Church of South India at Bangalore from the 12th to 15th, It is significant that the sessions of the two councils synchronised with the session of the All India Congress Committee in Bangalore.

It is a matter for thanks-giving that both the C. S. I. and the C. I. B. P. C. are committed to the ideal of the Union of the Churches in India and also of the union of the Churches in the world at large and that they are 'on the march to a high destiny'. A note of warning to take stock of the achievements made by the C. S. I. is sounded by Bishop Legg: "Whatever success we had in organisational unity, we had not achieved a satisfactory measure of spiritual union." The decisions taken by the C. I. B. P. C. has brought nearer the consummation of union of the Churches in Lanka, N. India and Pakistan. Bishop Legg warned against the danger, "Both of the temptation to insist on an unnecessary degree of uniformity and also of the undesirability of over-centralisation."

The emphasis on evangelism by both the Councils is noteworthy. The C. I. B. P. C. has appointed a committee on Missionary Strategy to co-ordinate and plan for evangelistic work. Bishop Whittaker, in his paper emphasised the spontaneous Christian witness and called for an examination as to whether Union had increased evangelistic power in the C. S. I.

The witness of the Church in the present day setting of Freedom and Social Justice was emphasised by Prof. Chandran Devanesan in his paper on "Service of the Church". Evangelism is not a monopoly or a specialised duty of a few but the concern of every Christian in his day to day life. He has his part to play in the Social, Political and Economic life as a whole. The organic and spiritual unity which the Church is desiring to achieve should give driving force to meet the 'challenges confronting it today'. It is gratifying to note that our Church leaders are alive to what is happening in our country today and that a truly Indian Church should in obedience to the Lord's call to fulfil the purpose for which it is called. The emphasis of the C. S. I., as summarised by the Guardian is as follows: (1) "new emphasis on the laity, (2) noticeable concern for active evangelism, (3) recognition of the importance of the local congregation, (4) genuine desire to participate in national plans for economic and political development, (5) value of worship in the life and witness of the church, and (6) place of youth."

We thank God for enabling the Metropolitan the Most Rev. A. N Mukerjee to attend and preside over the meetings of the Synod and the general Council of the C. I. B. P. C. and alsothe steady progress he makes after the operation in his leg. We also thank God for the services of the Most Rev. H. Sumitra and for the extension of his office for another term and also for the new Office-bearers of the C. S. I.—Mr. A. R Rajaratnam, I. A. S., General Secretary and Mr. A. Gunamony, Treasurer. We pray that God's richest blessings may be upon them in the task that is ahead of them in working for the Union of the Churches India for which the N. M. S. by its Policy and objective has been praying and striving. An observer.

THE VISIT OF Mrs. B. R. JAMES,

President, Ladies' Auxiliary, Allahabad Branch, Allahabad,

AND

Mrs. PHILIPS.

News came to us that the two ladies, Mrs. James and Mrs. Philips were visiting Madras in connection with the All India Women's Social Conference held in the city, and they would be glad to meet as many N. M. S. friends as possible during their short stay here as they had programmed to visit some of the important places in the extreme south of India. On the day of their arrival, the General Secretary and three other members met them at Mr. Mukerji's residence (Railway Quarters, Madras). It is gratifying to know that Mr. Mukerji, Chief Engineer, Southern Railways, is the nephew of the late lamented Rai Bahadur A. C. Mukerji, once the General Secretary of the Society.

After a pleasant hour of conversation with the ladies and the Mukerjis, it was arranged that the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Madras and of the Standing Committee should meet them at the N. M. S. House on 22nd January 1960. It was a real joy for the friends here to meet the guests on that day, learn of the N.M.S. activities in Allahabad and exchange views. Madras has got to copy the Allahabad Branch in that there are many Branches spread about in that city and a strong Area Committee is functioning.

After light refreshments and interesting conversations, the ladies left. We are sure that they would carry home with them very pleasant memories of their flying visit to Madras city, S. India and especially to the N. M. S. Headquarters and friends.

THE UNITED MISSION TO NEPAL

Prayer Letter No. 1/1960.

Kathmandu, Nepal.
6 January 1960.

Dear Friends,

Perhaps it would be well in this letter to try and resolve some doubts concerning the policy of the United Mission, which exist in the minds of some of our friends at home.

This is, think, particularly true in the case of those who are concerned with Mission strategy in the "sending countries." They are surprised to find so many "foreigners" in the Mission. The danger of too large a "western influence" is very much in their minds; this is, I am sure, connected with the knowledge of the problems of devolution and integration which have been so difficult in, for instance, a field like India. In reading Minute No. 1 of these Executive Minutes, you will appreciate that the Committee and the Mission as a whole is aware of the danger in such trends. We cannot expect you all to come to Nepal to see things for yourselves, but if you come, I think that you would find a situation which to my mind, is quite unique in the history of Missions. We have to agree that it is the Church and not Mission hospitals and schools or other institutions that is the abiding thing, particularly in a country which seems to have a fixed determination to have all such institutions nationalised as soon as possible. To a very large extent, the Mission is expected to contribute to the medical and educational advancement of the country, and the Government of Nepal has made it plain that it only expects to receive this help for a limited time; not because they are unaware of the desire of the Mission to continue for an indefinite time, but simply because they believe that Government should have all control of health and education in the State. It may be argued that it is a goal beyond their reach; may be it is, but that does not deter them from making the effort, nor does it allow us to assume that they cannot reach it. In Mission strategy therefore, it is very important that the work we do medically or educationally must have the two-fold aim of providing a powerful witness to the Gospel, in fellowship with the small but growing Church and also giving, in the Name of Christ, a real lead in the ministry of healing and instruction. Apart from the reason which I have already given, it must be plain to many of you that the time for Missions in this land may be shortened by other events. It could well be argued by some of you, that if this is the case, then why spend money on buildings and equipment? Will it not be a wasted expenditure? I am sure it will not be. We are laying a thorough and Christian foundation to these institutions, and given only the shortest time, we shall be able to ensure that the testimony to Christ will remain in them for all who carry on. There are those who argue that Medical Mission work is only a means to an end, and provided we can have some liberty to get the Gospel to men and women, the actual

medical work should not be so important. Happily I think that those who think in this way are becoming fewer. When a controversy was raised sometime ago in India about the "converting" activities of Missionaries, it was suggested that Government should take steps to ensure that doctors and nurses in Christian hospitals should be prohibited from doing evangelistic work. One missionary doctor replied through a newspaper saying that such a suggestion was irrelevant, because as far as he was concerned every little piece of his work was evangelistic. Those of us who work in hospitals or any other Mission institution know, so well, that every action of ours, every task done in the school room or the operating theatre, in the hospital office or laboratory, counts either towards a decision for Christ or a decision against Him. The work we do medically or educationally, must be the very best that we can do by the help of the Lord. Even apart from its being an act of devotion to the Lord, it is also creating an atmosphere in which the small, growing Church can expand. Perhaps the very fact of this small Church is a contributing factor to the uniqueness of this United Mission. Friends at home see lists of "foreign workers" from some eight different countries, but they do not see the Church, *completely* indigenous and prospering! I wish that you could be with us here in Kathmandu just now. Seven congregations from various parts of Nepal (three from the Valley and four from other places) are represented in a Conference which has been called to give them an opportunity to listen to the spiritual ministry of Bishop Marcus Loane, Co-Adjutor Bishop of Sydney, Australia, and also to discuss together the vital matters of fellowship and co-operation, the proclamation of the Gospel, growth of the Church and the Ministry. What a profitable and thrilling occasion it is proving to be! Some of these men we have known for 10, 15 and 25 years, when they were working in various Mission Stations along the borders, and now they are leaders of little churches in scattered places inside Nepal. Of these seven congregations, only three comprised chiefly of those working in the United Mission's institutions, but not in one of them has it been necessary for the western missionary to lead even for a short time. The western missionary's place is definitely that of being in fellowship with the Church and helping in any way that the Spirit of God indicates. Small as these churches are, they are very well aware of the need for trained leadership. Emphasis upon regular Bible teaching and tithing is

most marked and there is every evidence of a strong beginning. We would ask your prayers particularly for the fruit of this special time of fellowship and conference together. Wherever they are situated in this land, these little groups are very clearly being observed and those who attach themselves to them, either for instruction or openly by baptism, are being ostracised and persecuted.

The hospital at *Bhatgaon* is finished, and we are hoping to have dedication service in the first week in February, when the Workers' Conference of the United Mission meets here in Kathmandu. We know that you will join with us in prayer now that the money needed for staff quarters and equipment will quickly come in. Equipping has already started, but thus far there is only a very small sum available towards the building of the staff quarters. As soon we can arrange for a relief for Dr. Dodson, who is serving temporarily in Tansen, she will come back to the Valley and set to work on the preparation of the hospital for its opening.

May we ask you to remember particularly the meetings which fall during the next two months or so.

E. W. OLIVER
Executive Secretary.

DEPUTATION TOUR IN MADHYA PRADESH

My heart is full of thanks and gratitude to God for the opportunity He gave me to tour congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh on a deputation mission from November 27th to December 22nd 1959.

The believers in the E. L. C. in M. P. are no strangers to me for I have known them from my childhood. My father, Babu Govind Rao, served the Lord as an evangelist in this Church for nearly thirty-three years before he was called to his eternal abode. It gives me great joy to say that even at the present time three of my family members—Pastor A. T. Rao and his wife and Miss M. S. G. Rao—are being used by the Lord for His own glory in the same Church. I was born and raised up here and thus I cherish a close relationship with this Church. In one place, the pastor introduced me to his congregation by remarking 'Prof. Rao

is a son of our Church'. This loving attitude was reflected in all congregations I visited where I was accorded a cordial welcome. People were not only eager and happy to see and hear me but were much disappointed when they learned that my wife did not accompany me on the tour for whom they had been praying for the past two years.

In undertaking this tour it was my purpose, first, to instruct and remind believers as to—The Missionary Imperative, The Missionary Responsibility, The Missionary Scope and the Missionary Obligation—which the Word of God places upon our shoulders by virtue of our salvation through the blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. The texts often used were II Cor. 5 : 17-21 and Romans 10 : 11-15. Secondly, to acquaint them with the missionary activities of the Lutheran National Missionary Society of India in Madhya Pradesh with special reference to the pressing need of a suitable building for our Hospital in Shahdol. And lastly, to encourage people to intercede on our behalf and sacrifice that portion of the substance which the Lord would have them sacrifice for our work.

I feel the Lord blessed the tour in several ways. Firstly, I had loving fellowship with believers of like precious faith. Secondly, people became acquainted with the latest developments on the field and its needs which have enabled them to pray and give more intelligently. Thirdly, as a result of meeting them personally the people expressed a keen interest and concern for our work and have assured me of their continued intercession on our behalf. And finally, the people have made liberal offering out of their meagre earnings.

I would like to express my thanks to The Rev. E. Raman, President of the E. L. C. in M.P., for sparing his valuable time to prepare my itinerary and full co-operation that I received from the pastors and missionaries of the E. L. C. in M. P. I am also thankful to the members of the Church for their assurance to continue praying for us and for the liberal contribution they have made towards our Hospital Building Fund.

'Giving thanks always for all things unto God and Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.' Eph. 5 : 20.

CHANDRA BASU RAO,
Sevak, Shahdol Field.

Rev. J. D. Asirvadam writes:

Owing to Mrs. Sarojini Martin's extreme weakness, Mr. Martin's scheduled visit to a few Tamil centres in February could not be undertaken. We are hoping that Prof. Basu Rao who visits the South for his ordination will be able to visit important centres in the Tamil and Telugu areas.

OBITUARY

THE LATE Dr. J. C. KUMARAPPA

On 30th January 1960, Dr. J. C. Kumarappa, a well-known Gandhian Economist passed away at the General Hospital, Madras. after a protracted illness. He was born of a respectable Christian family in Tanjore and had a brilliant College career in Economics and Accountancy in England and U.S.A. After leaving college he was in a lucrative post for seven years which he left when he came into contact with Gandhiji about 1929, and joined him in his great task of village uplift. Later, he became the Editor of the Young India. He helped Rajan Babu during the Bihar Earthquake and in the Relief Committee. He became the Secretary of the All India Village Industries Association and after 16 years of service he devoted himself to Sarva Seva Sangh work. He was a great constructive worker. "Though not a Churchman in the orthodox sense, he was a Christian who gave his witness in the midst of National leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and won glory for God by his integrity and self-sacrificial service." His mortal remains were cremated and the ashes taken to Sevagram.

Rev. Thacker of the Wesley Church, Madras in his funeral speech said:

"The spirit of Gandhi is too great and vital ever to die. It has lived and still lives on in the lives of such men as Dr. Kumarappa. Just as Mahatma gave himself for the service of the country and his people, so the abiding principle of Dr. Kumarappa's life was "living for others"; living

indeed in such a way that others might live. 'Vicarious living' was the title of his most recently published book and that is precisely what it means 'living for others.' India needs such men as he was, and surely the best memorial we can provide for him is that we should discover the high principles by which he lived and seek to live our lives also as he did to the glory of God and the betterment of our world.

He leaves behind him a number of relatives—Mrs E. S. Appasamy and Mrs. E. Asirvatham and a host of friends and admirers to whom we send our sympathy and condolence.

Mr. PHILIP CHANDRAN

We regret to learn of the passing of Mr. Philip Chandran, B.A., Retired District Registrar, Calicut. He was the President of the local N.M.S. Branch for over 20 years until last year and an earnest supporter of the N. M. S.

We thank God for the Christian character and services of the deceased to the Church and Missionary cause.

We send the members of the family our sympathy and condolence.

WORK ON JAWADI HILLS

Many people from the different villages had been coming to our meetings and many have realised that Jesus Christ is the only God. One Sivagami Ammal, aged 85, openly declared that Jesus Christ was her Lord and that she would worship Him alone.

Another woman by name Oonnamalai declared that she was very fond of Jesus Christ and that everybody should do some bhajana in praise of Him. She would gather together many of her neighbours for our meetings.

The priest of Kuttathoor temple said that he had not found peace and forgiveness of his sins after his visit to many places of pilgrimage and added that he would get a copy of the Bible for reading. Let us pray for strengthening of his faith.

At Kalyanamanthai, the shed for our Evangelist Mr. Aruldas is nearing completion. For some time he was ill but he is much better now. Let us pray for him and the difficult task he has taken up. —P. R. SAMUEL.

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Interest on G. P. Notes	...	771–96		
For work in Nepal	...	725–00		
For work in Jawadhi Hills	...	2,115–00		
For work in Puri Ashram	...	1,386–82		
Life Membership Fees	...	1,331–00		
Suspense receipts	...	1,026–20		
School grants	...	7,629–79		
Field receipts	...	765–96		
Special receipts	...	19,021–00	...	62,550–76
		TOTAL Rs.	...	65,420–76

N. M. S. OF INDIA

to 31—1—1960

EXPENDITURE

		Rs. nP.
Puram Field	...	11,960–87
Katteri Field	...	4,164–12
Nepal Field	...	3,359–35
Jawadi Hills	...	1,897–56
Puri Ashram	...	2,969–82
Hon. General Secretary's tour expense	...	482–80
Hon. Associate Gen. Secretary's tour expense	...	208–14
Executive Committee expense	...	1,322–69
Organising Secretary, S. India	...	2,239–18
Organising Secretaries, N. India	...	2,510–33
GENERAL :		
Hon. Deputation ... 1,079–88		
Audit fees ... 125–00		
Bank charges ... 61–45		
Property tax ... 78–75		
Indigenous Music ... 559–38		
Affiliation fees ... 170–00		
Madras Area Committee ... 240–34		
General printing ... 455–99		
N. M. S. Sunday printing ... 193–91		
Agar Fund, North Kanara ... 760–00		
Provident Fund ... 206–00		
Miscellaneous ... 256–00		
	...	4,186–70
N. M. I. and Deepiki	...	2,925–05
Headquarters	...	6,018–19
Suspense a/c paid	...	1,080–00
Loan to Lutheran N. M. S.	...	1,500–00
Pachperwa field	...	1,812–62
Loan to Mr. D. Devadanam, Chandrapuram	...	300–00
Fixed Deposits	...	12,000–00
		60,937–42
CLOSING BALANCE	...	4,483–34
TOTAL	...	Rs. 65,420–76

S. W. KANAGARAJ,
Hon. Treasurer, N. M. S.

MADRAS AREA COMMITTEE N. M. S.

Let us offer the sacrifice of Praise to God continually (Heb. 13 : 15).

The N.M.S. Area Committee meets regularly every month and discusses various subjects such as Evangelism, Organisation of branches etc. Members are very keen in arranging Cottage Prayer Meetings. Branches are being formed at various centres. Open-air Evangelism is regularly conducted under the leadership of Mr. G. Solomon in a slum area, N. Madras. Prayers are requested for this work.

"Keep up the Song of Faith,
However dark the night,
And as you praise the Lord will work,
To change your faith to Sight."

L. VETHANAYAGAM,
Secretary.

Life Membership

Miss Ivy S. DHAR—Lucknow.

Miss M. A. SARWAN—Jaipur.

Mr. J. S. S. MALELU—Delhi.

LABOURERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

The Carpenter's tools had a conference. Brother Hammer was in the chair. The meeting had informed him that he must leave, because he was too noisy. But he said, 'If I am to leave this carpenter's shop, Brother Gimlet must go too; he is so insignificant that he makes very little impression'.

Little Brother Gimlet arose and said, 'All right, but Brother Screw must go also; you have to turn him around again and again to get him anywhere'.

Brother Screw then said, 'If you wish, I will go but Brother Plane must leave also; all his work is on the surface; there is no depth to it'.

To this Brother Plane replied, "Well, Brother Rule will have to withdraw if I do, for he is always measuring other folks as though he were the only one who is right'.

Brother Rule then complained against Brother Sandpaper and said, 'I just don't care, he is rougher than he ought to be and he is always rubbing people the wrong way'.

In the midst of the discussion, the Carpenter of Nazareth walked in. He had come to perform His day's work. He put on his apron, and went to the bench to make a pulpit. He employed the screw, the gimlet, the sand paper, the saw, the hammer and the plane and all the other tools. After the day's work was over and the pulpit was finished, Brother Saw arose and said, 'Brethren, I perceive that all of us are labourers together with God'.

Oh, how many of us Christians are just like those tools —fussing at others because they don't do things just the way we think they should.

There was not an accusation against one of these tools that was not absolutely true; yet the Carpenter used every one of them. How careful we should be not to find fault with any of God's tools.

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SERAMPORE CONVOCATION 1960

To mark the Jubilee of the United Theological College at Bangalore the Serampore Convocation was held this year at Bangalore.

A very fine pandal had been erected for the Jubilee meetings and on Saturday, 30th January this became the 'Convocation Hall'.

Senators and principals from affiliated Colleges came from many parts of India and there was a large gathering of people from the South.

The Convocation service was held in the Chapel of the United Theological College. It was conducted by the Rev. J. R. Chandran and the preacher was the Rev. Dr. Wilfred Scopes.

The Convocation was chaired by the Master of Serampore, Rai Bahadur Samuel Das, and the Convocation address was given by Sri Rajiah D. Paul. 26 graduates received the L.Th. Diploma, and 26 graduates the B D. degree of Serampore. The Rev. L. Easter Raj was the one graduate to receive the M.Th. degree.

The degree of Doctor of Divinity, Honoris Causa, was conferred on Dr. A. S. Estborn of the Gurukul Theological College, Madras, and on Dr. P. D. Devanandan, Director of the Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society of Bangalore.

The Carey Lecture for 1960 was given by the Rt. Rev. Michael Hollis, his subject being, "Unity: Hope and Experience".

There was much satisfaction that this year's Convocation was held in Bangalore and the Council and Senate of Serampore College are deeply grateful to their colleagues in the South for the excellence of the arrangement made for the Convocation.